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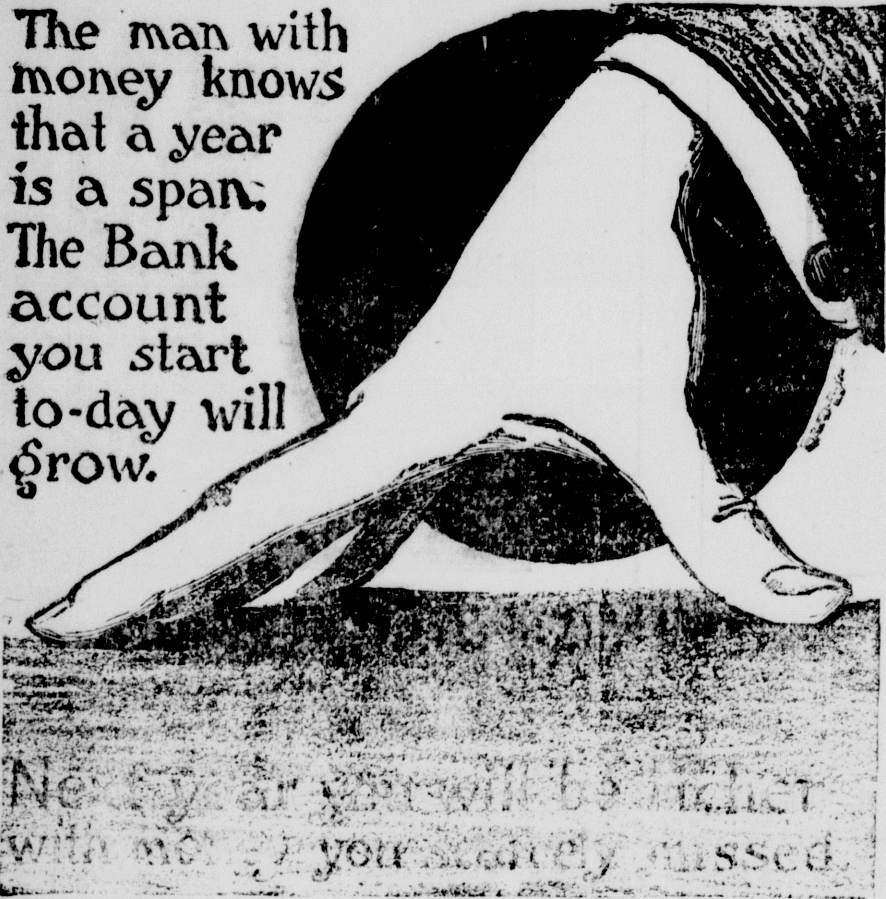
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The man with money knows that a year is a span. The Bank account you start to-day will grow.



Time flies--- Time flies. The mill will never grind with the water that is past. You cannot buy anything with the money you have SPENT.

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First State Bank
DECATUR - TEXAS

Rev. Davis, Singer and Masher, Goes to Prison



ROY E. DAVIS

Roy E. Davis drew a jury verdict of guilty on a charge of swindling and was given a two-year sentence in the district court last Sunday morning. This was one of the most interesting cases ever tried in this court, and was followed closely by a large crowd.

The crime which drew the sentence for Davis, according to testimony, was committed at Boonesville, this county on Jan. 10, 1916. Davis had appeared in the Boonesville country representing himself as a minister, and on the above date at the First State bank at Boonesville, presenting to Cashier Wimberly a deposit slip for \$170 issued by the Toyah Valley State bank of Saragosa, Reeves county, requesting that a draft for the amount be issued on the Saragosa bank. Wimberly, believing the man to be a minister, issued the draft. Stating he was short of funds, Davis asked for and received \$4 of the amount in cash from the cashier. In the afternoon of the same day, Davis called Wimberly over the phone from Bridgeport, saying he must leave at once for another state on account of sick relatives, and asking if his check for \$40 on the draft deposit would be honored. Wimberly assured him it would be granted, as he did the next day when a request for the cashing of a check for \$100 was made by Davis from Bridgeport. This was the last heard of Davis by the Boonesville bank until his arrest last May. The draft was sent to the Saragosa bank for collection, but was returned, as no funds were on hand to meet it. On cross examination, Wimberly said Davis had remarked that he did not know where Saragosa was, nor did he fully understand why the money should be there to his credit, unless his brother, who was in the navy, had placed it there for him.

Sheriff Mann testified that he had been making efforts to apprehend Davis on complaint of the Boonesville bank, covering several states with descriptions and pictures of the man. In May, this year, Mr. Mann received a letter from a young lady in Georgia, inquiring if Roy E. Davis was wanted here. Through this clue, Sheriff Mann located Davis in Campbell, S. C., where he was arrested and carried to Carensville, Ga., and held for Wise county officers. Mr. Mann stated that Davis was known in Texas as Rev. Roy E. Davis, but in Georgia and South Carolina went under the name of Prof. Lon Davis.

Shortly after Davis disappeared in 1916, the origin of the \$170 deposit slip was cleared up when investigation was made at the Saragosa bank, and during the trial Saturday the story was vividly told by Cashier Boyd of the Saragosa bank; Dee Davis, a merchant of Saragosa, and R. E. Davis, a brother of Dee Davis, who was assistant credit man for Radford Grocery Co., a wholesale firm of Abilene.

Dee Davis testified that he owed the Radford Grocery Co. of Abilene \$1,170 on account, and had made arrangements through his brother, R. E. Davis, to settle the account with two notes for \$500 each and by payment of \$170 cash. He executed the notes, wrote a check to the Radford Grocery Co. for \$170, enclosed them with a letter and mailed them to his brother, R. E. Davis, in Abilene. Later he found that the notes and check had not been received by his brother, and on going to his home bank, he found that his check had

BAND OF THIEVES BROKEN BY LAW

Burch Has Field Day in the District Court, Convicting Squad of Burglars

The district court mills turned out "grist" with unprecedented rapidity at the present term. Out of 46 felony indictments by the grand jury, 36 have been tried and convicted, the defendants in each case receiving the minimum sentence of two years in the pen.

On Monday there were pleas of guilty by five young men who were charged with a number of cases of burglary in connection with the wholesale operations in stealing meat and provisions by a band of men and boys in the country below Boyd. Budge Chastin, J. A. Hayes, Campbell Baldwin, Wilson Lanier and Louis Stevens were each given a two-year suspended sentence in the cases against them. All of these except Stevens are youths of about 17, and it was through their testimony that the ring-leaders in the depredations were convicted, and upon their turning state's evidence, the grand jury recommended that they be given suspended sentences.

Ben Burnett, with a previous court record, was convicted of the charge of burglarizing the store of Joe Mitchum at Park Springs. On the night of the burglary, Prof. L. E. Edwards and wife, who resided near the Mitchum store, were aroused by the noise made by the burglars, and Mrs. Edwards stepped out on the back porch to find the cause of the noise, but being unable to locate the trouble she and her husband retired. On the witness stand Burnett swore he saw a person come out on the back porch of the Edwards home, and immediately aimed his Winchester and pulled the trigger twice, but the gun failed to fire. Prof. Edwards was in the courtroom when Burnett was testifying and this was the first he knew of the close call his wife had.

Burnett, it will be remembered, was a principle in a sensational trial in our district court several years ago, in which he was acquitted of the charge of murdering his father-in-law. Burnett, a crack shot with a rifle, killed Mr. Klepper at a distance of one hundred yards while both were running, the ball striking the old man in the center of the upper lip and killing him instantly. It was proved that Mr. Klepper was the aggressor when Burnett killed him.

John Chenault and John Jackson, were recognized by the juries as the ring-leaders in the wholesale burglaries in the Boyd country, grown men at the head of boys, and they were speedily convicted and given two years each in state prison.

Judde McKensie gave the young men who were given suspended sentences a good lecture, which seemed to "go to the quick" on the boys, with the exception of young Chastin, who seemed to appear that he didn't care much about the proceedings.

been returned, but had been changed, the Radford Grocery Co. having erased from the face of the check, and the name of R. E. Davis written instead. The check had been mailed to the bank with a note written on plain tablet paper which gave instructions that credit be given R. E. Davis for the \$170, and a deposit slip sent to R. E. Davis, care general delivery, Fort Worth. Dee Davis, seeing that the check had been changed, secured a check from his brother, R. E. Davis, and drew the amount from the bank.

C. C. Boyd, cashier of the Toyah Valley State bank of Saragosa, testified to receiving the check for \$170, also to mailing the deposit slip according to instructions in the accompanying note, to R. E. Davis, Fort Worth. He knew of the settlement Dee Davis was making with his wholesale house through his brother, R. E. Davis, and thinking R. E.

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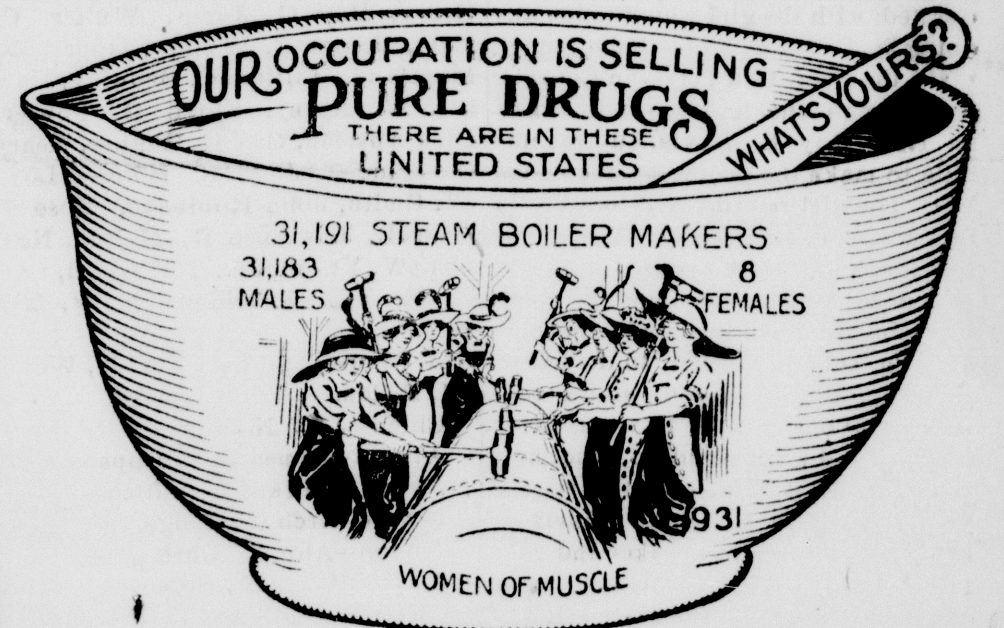
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Big W. O. W. Rally. Details of program for this day in the hands of the Woodmen. Speaking by the Hon. Wilson, of Dallas. Music by the Decatur Concert Band.

Flag raising, Patriotic concert by the Decatur Band, Patriotic Speaking, Baby show, dinner on grounds, Big automobile parade—every auto and tractor in the Co. wanted in parade.

NUMEROUS AMUSEMENTS. COME !!

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Davis had taken over the indebtedness of Dee Davis with the wholesale house, his suspicions were not aroused until Dee Davis called to inquire about the check. Boyd identified the deposit slip presented by Roy E. Davis to the Boonesville bank as the one he had mailed to R. E. Davis, Fort Worth, and showed a duplicate of the original deposit slip.

R. E. Davis testified he was at that time assistant credit man for Radford Grocery Co., and had arranged to assist his brother, Dee Davis, in settling his indebtedness to the company. He sent the two notes of \$500 each to his brother, Dee, to be executed and returned, but had not received them nor the check. He swore that the endorsement of the check when returned to the Saragosa bank was not his signature. He said the account of his brother was settled by a later transaction.

The defense put only one witness on the stand, a brother of Defendant Roy E. Davis, who had a brother, Dan Davis, in the navy, who sometimes signed his name "D. Davis," from whom he had not heard in some time, and had reason to believe this brother had deposited the \$170 in the Saragosa bank to the credit of Roy Davis.

The state did not attempt to prove the manner in which Roy E. Davis came in possession of the \$170 check, but relied wholly on his possession and presentation of the deposit slip for conviction.

County Attorney Burch and Frank J. Ford clearly and forcefully presented the state's case, while Ratliff & Spencer ably represented Reverend Davis.

Thus is closed, for a time at least, a rather checkered and interesting career of Roy E. Davis. His activities as a minister, public debater, singing school teacher, heart-smasher and ladies' man have ceased for a season. For some years he served East Texas churches as pastor, and it was during his residence in this section that he became acquainted with the girl who was his undoing in Georgia. The lady recognized the Prof. Lon Davis in Georgia as the man she had known in Texas as Rev. Roy E. Davis, but was unable to make the professor recognize her. The girl remembered that Davis had a wife and children in Texas, so her suspicions were aroused and she at once began the inquiry which brought the thriving and handsome singing school teacher to the bar of justice. Sheriff Mann states that upon leaving Texas, Davis deserted his wife and three children, who now reside in East Texas, and married a young lady in Georgia. Davis is said to be a forceful speaker and very intelligent. His handsome open countenance gives the impression of innocence, while his heavy auburn hair adds to his striking appearance, and it is little wonder that he has been able favorably to impress the public wherever he has gone.

Decatur and Denton Divide Two Games

Jim StClair brought his normal team here from Denton last Friday and defeated the local club by 2 to 0. Denton tapped Wheelock for nine safeties, but they were scattered except in the third and fourth, when Strong and Hunter scored on hits after swatting safely themselves. Wheelock whiffed seven visitors. The locals were off on their stick-work, Minor, Williams and Provence being the only ones to connect safely off Collins' delivery. Several chances to score showed up, but the timely bingle was always lacking.

The Normalites returned Tuesday and suffered a severe drubbing as a return compliment for Decatur's defeat Friday. The game slipped along without a score or bobble until the fifth, when H. Renshaw walked, Williams delivered a single, Jennings was safe on a fumble, filling the bases. Worth Renshaw then shot a double down the first base line, scoring two men. Cook, the Denton flinger, then joined the aviation corps, and before he could make a safe landing, seven locals had skipped across the home station. During this excitement B. Renshaw contributed a three-bagger. Pete scored again in the seventh on a safety by Tige. Tige pitched a great game, keeping the visitors' seven hits scattered, and striking out six men. Denton scored in the eighth with one down, when Tige threw Duke out first instead of doubling Hunter at second, thinking there were two down. Hunter then scored on a hit by Hodges. Collins pitched a good game all but one inning, considering the miserable support he received. He was tapped for 5 safe hits and struck out 4 men.

PATRIOTIC RALLY THIS AFTERNOON

Capt. Lillard's Company Is Still Growing; Saturday Last Day for Guard

Patriotic rallies are to be held this afternoon, Friday, and tomorrow, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Frank J. Ford is in charge of the program and arrangements are being made for speeches and band music. Capt. Lillard of the local company will be present to enlist all those men between 18 and 45 who desire to join the National Guard. Capt. Lillard states that under orders of Gen. Hulen, the local recruiting office will be open Saturday night till 12 o'clock. At 12 o'clock Saturday night Lillard will report to the war department his enlistments. He will hold his station open Sunday for recruits, but those enlisting Sunday will not be credited to Wise county's quota. All men who registered have the privilege of volunteering between now and Sunday night. Reports from Houston are that the drafting of new army will begin in Wise county next Monday morning. Latest reports from Washington are that it will require at least one man out of five of those who registered June 5th for the new army.

Following is a list of those who have to date, Wednesday night, enlisted with this division of the National Guard:

Decatur—Edgar A. Rodgers, John T. Bailey, James Kirkwood, Robert L. Robertson, Robert C. Stroud, Willie J. Leonard, Henry Simpson, Walter E. Berry, Eugene W. Williams, Eugene W. Minor, Rufus W. Berry, Roy C. Jones, Walter C. Pitts, James E. Walker, Robert W. Moreland, William C. Browing, Marion W. Askey, Floyd G. Fowler, Dick Anstead, Guy R. Hughes, Henry O. Madden, John K. Holmes, Loyd W. Smith, John Robinson, Mose T. Carroll, Lawrence R. Melton, Newton W. Young, Jr., Tom Laird, Conley Rush, J. C. Bridges, T. V. Terrell.

Allison—Joseph A. Taylor, Walter W. Fields.

Chico—John N. Reeder, Alvord—James H. Thompson, Keeter—Edward D. Patterson, Justin—Arch H. Judge, Mason—Aloy L. Christilles, Boyd—Reuel W. Stephens, Milton H. Fairbetter, Grady P. Day.

Bridgeport—Dallas Coleman, Jim W. Green, Kirby Anderson, John Y. Waddill, Sterling P. Ragsdale, Uriel E. Byars, Onie M. Drisco, Ford W. Renshaw, William O. Wright.

Rhame—Jesse F. Mills, Jarrett Hudnall, William F. Harden.

Paradise—James J. Kincaid, John C. Freeman, Willie W. Banks, Joseph H. Bridges, Henry C. Rhoten, William F. Stroud, Lee S. Finley, James R. A. Wilkins, Frank H. Ward.

Balsora—Edward C. Muse, Sunset—William E. Pigg.

School Notice

Those desiring the transfer of their children should send the transfer in at once. In asking for a transfer show the name and number of the school district from which you desire to transfer from, and the name of the district and number you wish to transfer to. Give the name, age of each child, also, the reason why you wish to transfer. If you wish to transfer your children every year you should see the county board and have them transfer your land which is a permanent transfer.

Trustees should contract with teachers as soon as possible. Every teachers contract must be filed in the office of the county superintendent. It will be necessary for all contracts to be filed in the office before the institute. Any board that attempts to contract with a teacher to supply the wood or crayon, etc., violates the law. If you have made such a contract with your teacher notify them that you do not hold them to such a contract.

A teacher holding a second grade certificate cannot contract to teach high school subjects. From this date all trustees will be appointed by the county trustees. Brandon Trussell.

Bix—I can read Meantigh like a book. Dix—You must have good eyes to read such a small type.—Boston Transcript.

Proposed to Sell City Light Plant

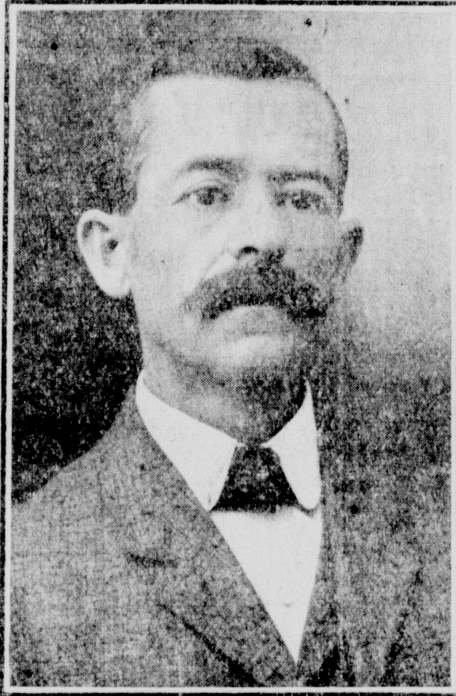
At a called meeting of the city council Monday night the proposition of disposing of the local water and electric light plant was taken up, and it is now believed that a trade will be made that will be beneficial to the city. It is proposed by the council that the question of leasing the plant to outside parties be submitted to a vote of the people of Decatur, and the Messenger is of the opinion that the citizens will readily consent to the trade. The proposition that has been submitted is this: The city of Decatur relinquish all rights, claims, etc., on the plant for a term of twenty-five years to Fort Worth parties, who agree to furnish the town fifty street lights and a continuous service in electricity and water. The lights are to be furnished the city free of charge for the term of twenty-five years and the water and electricity for domestic use will be furnished at a low rate. At the end of twenty-five years the city has the privilege of taking over the plant by paying the lessees the difference between original invoice price of the plant and the improvements made by the Fort Worth company at that time.

The plant as a municipal institution, has been a money-loser from the start, and daily the expense is greater than the receipts, and it is only a matter of a short time until the city will be compelled to abandon the effort to supply the citizens with water and electricity. By the new arrangement the town will be supplied with electricity day and night, the rate being 15c per kilowatt, and the water service will be improved.

A vote of the people of Decatur will be necessary to make the contract, as the plant is owned by the city, and an election will be ordered by the council in the near future.

Rhame, June 24.—One of the greatest wheat crops that has been raised in this vicinity for many years is being threshed. It is ranging from 12 to 27 bushels per acre, and the oat crop was never better. The rain Sunday morning was very beneficial to corn and cotton.

Now With City National



W. L. RUSH



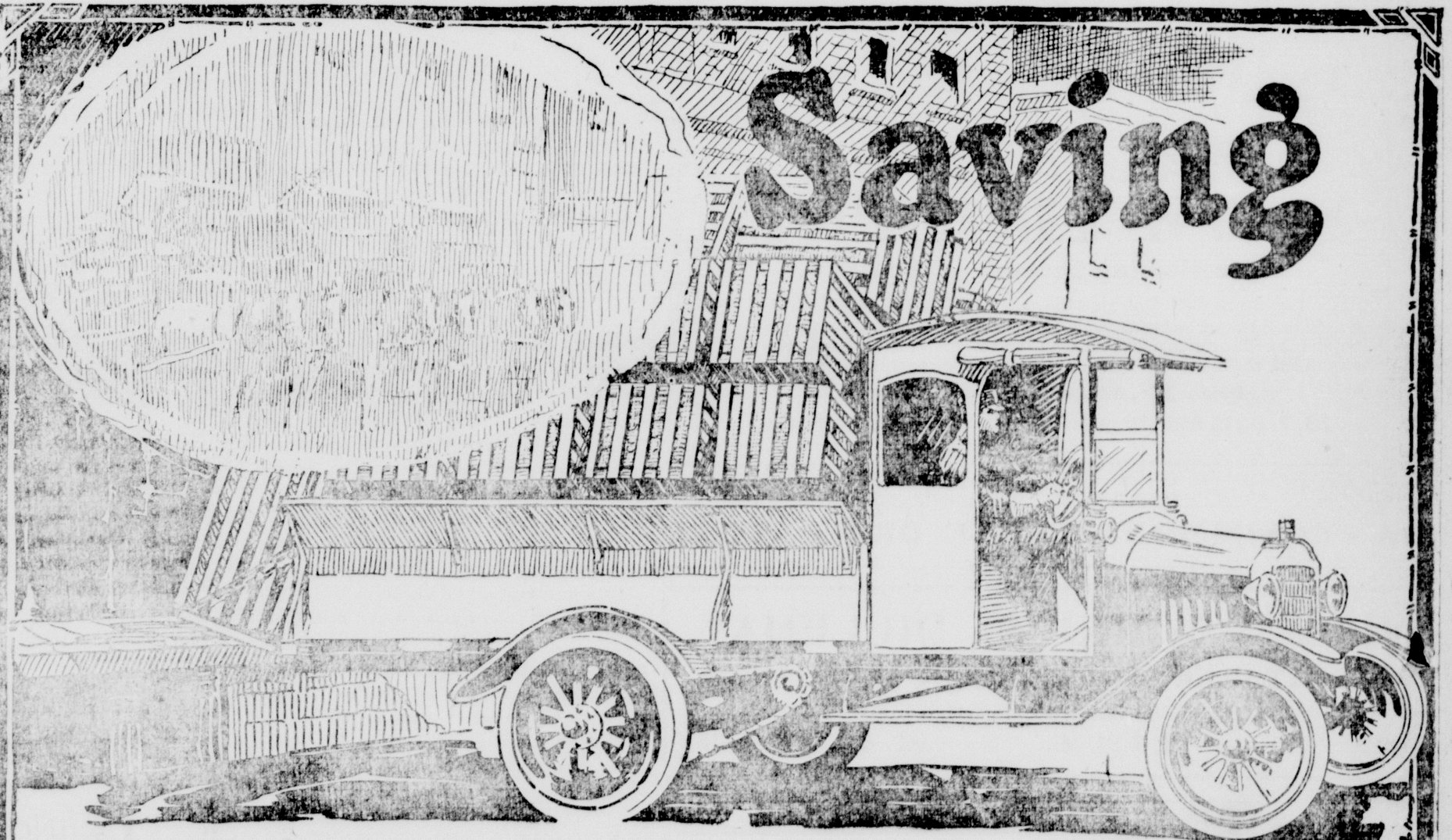
N. A. MOORE

These gentlemen request the Messenger to announce that they are now with the CITY NATIONAL BANK, where they will be pleased to meet their old friends and have a privilege of rendering them service. They invite you to drop in and see them; they want you to come in and make known your wants.

They need no introduction at the hands of this paper—Will Rush was here when the Messenger came, and his years in the banking business have produced one of the best and most successful bankers in the state. He is deserving of the splendid popularity he enjoys, and no man appreciates friends more and holds them in higher regard than Will Rush. He is true as steel, and at all times stands for that which is right. N. A. or Nob Moore is "one of us" and has a large number of friends.

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NAPS BETWEEN EDITIONS.

They Have a Nice, Easy Going Way on Newspapers in Japan.

Eleven o'clock at night in an American morning paper is the rush hour. Typewriters click frantically, and copy boys haven't a minute to sit down and digest the baseball scores. It's the time of night when the editors are widest awake.

I chose that time, therefore, to visit the office of the Nichi Nichi, in Tokyo, says Archie Bell in the World Outlook. I wanted to find things moving at their height. The Nichi Nichi is a big morning daily, popular with the masses.

Presenting myself at the sidewalk entrance of the big building in which it is published, I roused a couple of sleeping porters, who allowed me to pass. Every one I encountered in the anterooms was asleep, with the exception of some office boys, who were preparing tea. It was like walking through the palace of the Sleeping Beauty, where every one had been sent to sleep in the midst of his task.

I was taken to the office of the telegraph editor. Fortunately, he was awake.

"The first edition has gone to press, so virtually every one has gone to sleep," he said to me, "but we will take a look around."

And what he said was true. We went to editorial sanctums, one after another, and when we didn't nearly stumble over an editor asleep on the floor we found him stretched out asleep on his desk.

Japanese editors do not believe in keeping awake at night when waiting for the late news to come in. If they do not publish it today or tomorrow they may be able to get it in the next day. What is the use of killing an article because something of greater importance arrives later in the evening? The newer staff will make good "copy" for another day.

TALE OF A MIGHTY WARSHIP.

And the Wreck of Her Armor Plated Turret and Twelve Inch Gun.

Captain Haddock, who succeeded Captain Smith of the Titanic as commander of the White Star line, was made commander of Great Britain's dummy fleet. The dummy fleet was an auxiliary that had an important duty in the North sea in the early days of the great world war.

The fleet consisted of converted merchantmen. In most cases the conversion was superficial. The vessels included liners, tramps and fast channel steamers. Papier mache made an important substitution for armor plate and armament which helped the deception. Guns of all kinds were mounted, the big ones, however, being more awe inspiring at a distance than effective as weapons.

With this armament the dummy fleet kept up a steady patrol and at a distance deceived many a German observer into reporting the presence of warships.

Admiral Haddock's flagship looked an imposing vessel in her "low visibility gray," with twelve inch guns fore and aft. Naval discipline in the dummy fleet was an innovation that had not worked into the souls of the erstwhile merchant mariners; otherwise this story might have had a sadder sequel in a court martial.

One of the tars was having his "time off." The air was good, the sea was calm, and he sought to beguile the hours with a comfortable smoke on the promenade deck (she was a converted liner). He sat on the stern rail dangling his legs. His teeth lost the grip on his pipe. The pipe fell. The tar made a wild grasp into space. He, too, fell and crashed through the armor plated turret and smashed one of the twelve inch guns.—Wall Street Journal

A Cheerful Mind.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." The correctness of this latter statement is seen in the fact that it is much easier for a person to recover from an attack of illness if he is cheerful and hopeful than when he is either indifferent as to his recovery or despondent of it. This is also altogether aside from the strength of purpose which often helps one to throw off an illness by sheer force of will.

Just as the bodily health is improved by cheerfulness so the mental condition is equally benefited by it.

Enlarged Veins.

A physician says that continuous drinking of alcoholic beverages is a common cause of the distension of minute blood vessels, particularly about the face and nose. These blood vessels are influenced each time alcohol in any quantity is taken into the system, and finally the elasticity of the walls is destroyed, and the veins become permanently enlarged, and "red nose" and "red face" result.

Colony Convicts.

Virginia was the only colony which ever received convicts, and very few were sent there, and most of those sent were political prisoners. The aristocratic element predominated. In 1670 parliament forbade the transportation of convicts to English colonies in America.

Seizing the Opportunity.

Crabshaw—If you insist on this new gown I'll have to get it on credit. Mrs. Crabshaw—As long as it's going to be charged, dear, I may as well get a more expensive one.—Life.

Train the Child.

A child should not only be taught, but trained. Training is drilling him in what he does until he has acquired the habit of doing it.—Henry Ward Beecher.

Keep up and you will never have to catch up.—Youth's Companion.

WOULD YOU WIN SUCCESS?

Then Play the Game of Safety First, and Play It Well.

All the world loves a winner when the contest has been fairly played. The local baseball team receives far greater enthusiasm and support when it is winning than when it is repeatedly losing. We praise the accomplishment of a difficult feat. Each one of us hails the skill and tenacity of purpose that puts over any great achievement. Things requiring the clear head, the watchful eye, the skillful hand and the bulldog grip of determination get our hearty commendation.

Said Abraham Lincoln, "I don't think much of the man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday." No truer words could be written of the safety first game. If you would be a winner, each day must find you wiser, keener and more alert than the day before. It is a contest in which we match our determination to have no suffering from accidents to ourselves and fellow men against little acts of thoughtlessness and carelessness that bring these results.

Nor is this game ever ended. Each new day calls for a better score. New conditions surround us, and all of our faculties, the best that is in us, are challenged to increased effort. To have our work really well done it must be safely done, and none of us wants any less than the best.

For your own sake, for the sake of the family at home, the wife and children, the mother or sister, play the game, and play it well. Play it with the interest, the spirit, the enthusiasm, that will make you win. It will take all your skill and ability to play it right.

Yesterday is gone—forget it. Tomorrow is yet to come—plan for it. Today is here—use it.—Commonwealth.

ACTORS OUT OF A JOB.

No Matter How Discouraged, They Must Smile and Look Prosperous.

In the American Magazine Walter Prichard Eaton says:

"Did you ever hunt for a job—any job? It isn't a form of indoor or outdoor sport that you would naturally choose, is it? It doesn't add greatly to your self esteem, your self confidence, the development of your powers, to come home tired and discouraged night after night. And player folk are peculiarly sensitive to such influences, or they would not be players. It is bad enough to rust in idleness, but it is worse to feel that you are not wanted or that you are forgotten or that you have to be judged by ignorant men, even by office boys, your chance even to earn a living depending on the tastes of those you often despise.

"Yet the actor or the actress must show none of this feeling. He or she must keep up a smiling front, must look prosperous and well dressed, youthful and charming, for the shabby actor has no chance at all. Walk along Broadway in July when the casts are being selected for the following season and observe the players on the sidewalks, conversing on the corners, coming out of the office buildings. The men are jaunty; they swing sticks; they look just a shade too 'fashionable.' The women wear their prettiest frocks and always silk stockings. But sometimes you catch a worried look on their faces, a look even of apprehension. Alone, and a mask seems to drop. Not all of them go to the Knickerbocker for luncheon—far from it. There are little cubbyhole lunchrooms where you will find these cane swinging and silk stockinged bearers of the banner of romance. They are hunting jobs, and some of them in vain."

A Link With Primitive Times.

All ceremonial games at court, in parliament, of learned societies and municipal bodies, field marshals' batons, gold and silver sticks, etc., are descended from the heavy fighting sticks and clubs of primitive savages. The chiefs always had the best carved clubs, which were the symbol of prowess and authority. The Australian boomerang and the Irish shillelagh are both maces.—London Standard.

Birds Weigh Themselves.

An ingenious naturalist has been making the tonsils record their weight, in order to obtain the food which he places for them they have to alight upon what appears to be a twig, but is in reality the beam of a tiny scale. As they rest upon it so they register their weight, which averages about one-third of an ounce per bird—forty-eight tonmits to the pound!—Little Paper, London.

Frequent Colds In The Heads.

Recent investigations show that disease of the sinuses may be suspected when persons suffer from recurrent headaches and neuralgia incident to a cold in the head. An X ray plate of the sinuses is advised, and autogenous vaccine, say the experts, should be used in the treatment.—Exchange.

Watch Your Every Act.

The fool act of today goes to make the regret of tomorrow. And all along the path that finally leads to the cemetery we encounter more of them than telephone posts.—Florida Times-Union.

Advantages of Travel.

All travel has its advantages. If the passenger visits better countries he may learn to improve his own, and if fortunes carries him to worse he may learn to enjoy his own.—Johnson.

Millet's Angelus.

Millet's famous picture, "The Angelus," sold for the munificent sum of \$150,000.

The Greatest Demand

by the public is not for the highest price car, nor yet for the cheapest. The ordinary man wants a car with 3 speeds forward and reverse, with electric lights and starter, of about 112 inches wheel base, weighing 2000 pounds or less, and with 25 horse power. Such a car is shown in the accompanying illustration, and will be built in Texas by the Texas Motor Car Association to sell for \$700 or less.

This Association is raising One Million Dollars among the people of Texas to form a co-operative organization for building automobiles, tractors and trucks. Instead of securing \$10,000 from each of 100 men, or \$100,000 from each of ten men, the co-operative idea is to secure approximately 10,000 members with an investment from each averaging about \$100. By having a few of these members in each community in Texas, an organization is formed that will have enormous co-operative strength.

The record of the automobile business is good. It has shown a larger percentage of profit for the the amount invested than possibly any other line of human endeavor.

The investment and the interest of the small man will be absolutely protected in the TEXAS MOTOR CAR ASSOCIATION. The affairs will be governed by a strong board of directors, elected from various parts of Texas by the members of the Association. The factory and business will be conducted by experts.

No member of the Association, by ownership of certificates or by proxies, will ever be allowed to vote or control in excess of one-tenth the entire strength of the Association, and this gives absolute protection to each member.

Investments may be made in amounts from \$50.00 to \$500.00 and convenient terms of payment arranged.

Write for further information.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The Chico State Bank

CHICO, TEXAS.

At the close of business, June 20, 1917

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$49,078 50
Overdrafts	36 63
Real estate (banking house)	1,250 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,635 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net	38,983 89
Cash items	197 85
Currency	3,607 00
Specie	2,626 67
Interest in Depositors	
Guaranty Fund	1,342 06
Other resources as follows:	
Assessment for Guaranty Fund	123 77
TOTAL	\$ 98,281 07

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$15,000 00
Surplus fund	4,680 00
Undivided profits, net	1,751 62
Individual deposits subject to check	71,735 99
Time certificates of deposit	5,000 00
Cashier's checks	113 46
TOTAL	\$ 98,281 07

State of Texas, County of Wise,—We, T. S. McCurdy, as president and V. E. Baldrige, as cashier, of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.—T. S. McCurdy, President; V. E. Baldrige, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed before me, on this 27th day of June, 1917.

Frank W. Roberts, Notary Public. Correct Attest: J. A. McKinzie, T. S. Stephens, B. O. Wilkerson, Directors.

Her Salute to the Flag.

A little child visiting Abraham Lincoln with her father in Mr. Lincoln's private office when he was president of the United States, says the New York Sun, suddenly turned to Mr. Lincoln and said, "Mr. President, what is the best way for a little girl to salute the American flag?"

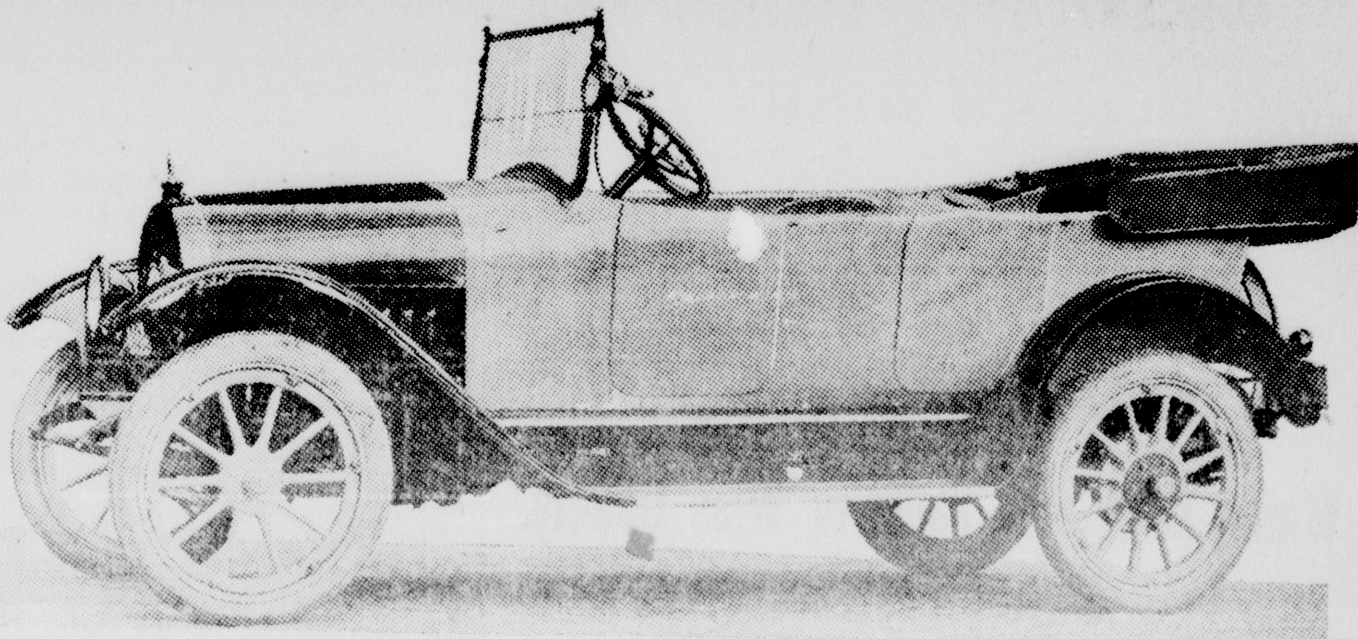
Mr. Lincoln was puzzled and finally said: "Why, my little dear, I have never given the matter any thought. Have you any suggestion to make?"

"Well," the child said, "why can't we place our right hands over our hearts and just gaze at the flag?"

Mr. Lincoln said, "I think that would be splendid."

Flank Steaks.

The flank contains a broad, flat muscle known as the flank steak, which is a very desirable piece of meat if taken from a well fattened animal. There is no waste to it whatsoever. It is coarse in fiber, but very rich in flavor, and, if carefully prepared, is a very choice cut. In thin cattle the flank steak is not usually removed, the flesh being made into rolled roasts or sold for stews. A rolled roast of the hind flank is one of the most economical cuts in the whole animal. It is good to eat, is cheap and contains no bone.



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Friday, June 29, 1917

Most Widely Circulated Paper in Wise County.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

The tick is a heavy tax.

The mufflers are wide open again. Mr. Marshal Evans.

Boost for a big county fair in Wonderful Wise—Oct. 9-13.

Good rains have fallen in some sections of the Wonderful County.

With cotton bringing \$125 a bale, don't complain much if the merchant informs you that his wares have increased a little in price.

The editors who attended the press association meeting in Galveston are loud in their praises of the good people of the Island City.

Lay aside your cares and go over to Bridgeport next Tuesday and Wednesday and enjoy an old-time picnic. It promises to be great.

Commissioners Splawn and Blackwell of Wise county and Snow of Tarrant are doing things that are making good roads enthusiasts smile.

Let the citizens of Decatur rally to the proposition that will improve the water and light service. The plant as a municipal institution has been a failure.

Hamlin gains a good progressive citizen in the going of Jack Moss to that city. He will assist the builders of that town in building a bigger and better town.

The friends of J. Venor Patterson, and they are numerous in the Grand Old County, kind reader, say he will be in the going for county attorney when the next election rolls around.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says: Looking at the situation from the top rail of the political fence, there has been more planting and less ranting in Texas this year than ever before.

County Attorney Burch "cleaned up" this week in the district court, and as a result there has been a healthy decrease in the ranks of the burglars and boot-leggers in the county.

Probably the Texas National Guard will go to France; that is, if the Germans continue the scrap another year. Something will crack if the Texans get over there. You remember a Texan was the first man to reach Vimy Ridge.

Speakin' of candidates, available timber and such like, Mack Burch is mentioned as a legislator. Then again, they say he would creditably fill the position now held by Hon. J. W. Walker.

What's the matter with the red-blooded young fighting men of Texas? Governor Ferguson called for twelve thousand recruits for the Texas National Guard and less than one-third of the number have responded, and it is now feared that the required number will not materialize. Why is this? More than two thousand have signed for conscription under Uncle Sam's orders in this county, to "go anywhere", yet, after two weeks of drumming, speech-making and patriotic appeals barely one-third of a company has been raised in the county, to see service, probably only in Texas. We can't believe the young men of today or less patriotic than the boys of 1898, when the call came for volunteers to scrap the Spandards. In less than five days after the call in 1898 more young men rushed to the local armory and asked to be enlisted than have been rounded up in the present two weeks' campaign. In the Spanish-American war the enlisted man received about one-half the pay of the soldier of today. What's the matter? Why this don't-care reception given the appeal to join the local company? Boys, I had rather hot-foot on the parade grounds at old Fort Brown on the Rio Grande than jump shell craters in night charges against fortified forts in France.

THE VOLUNTEER

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is enabled to select his own associates. He will know who is to be his tentmate.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is enabled to know who his officers will be and to estimate the kind of treatment he can expect from them.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will be officered by men with whom he is personally acquainted, men who without exception have had years of experience in the Guard, Regular Army or in military academies.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will go in training immediately after organization, in camps to be located probably within the state. He will have the same efficient training as the Regular Army, with the further benefit of earlier training.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will have a most promising opportunity for promotion. Men who volunteer in the Guard at this time and receive increased advantages of training and show efficiency will be commissioned to officer men who come in later. Already eleven men from one organization of the National Guard of Texas have been promoted to commission rank.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer enlists only for the duration of the war.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer receives the same pay as the recruit in the Regular Army. The private is paid \$30 per month, board, clothing and "keep." There is every opportunity to increase this pay.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer may be between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer serves both his state and his nation but he does not lose his identity as a volunteer from Texas.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer may be married or single; he may have registered under the selective draft act.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is the man who is willing to step forward and say "Here Am I." He does not wait to see what the other fellow is going to do.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is a member of an old and honored organization.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer serves with friends and home-folk. In after years the volunteer will be able to meet with his comrades and in memory relive the marches and camps.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is the best type of citizen. He has the "stuff" of his forefathers. All honor to the volunteer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

FROM MESSENGER FILE

June 25, 1897.

Miss Lena Russell visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Dallas this week.

N. E. Young and G. G. Neilson of Annelville were here this week.

Emmet Hatcher is visiting in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner have returned from a western camping trip.

T. F. Milligan of Greenwood was here this week.

Mr. J. W. Lillard, father of S. A. Lillard, arrived in Decatur from Nevada, Mo., last Monday. He will make Decatur his future home.

The Decatur Symphony club was organized last Tuesday night and elected the following officers, Dan W. Jones president, Harry May, Jr., vice president, E. L. Vastine secretary and Claude Lewis sergeant.

Miss Maud Hogg returned home Monday from a visit to Austin.

Assistant County Attorney A. J. Clendenen was in Park Springs.

Fort. Kelley of the Lloyd Rifles of Capt. Will be here Saturday night to organize the Decatur military company.

Cliff Cates, city editor of the News, visited Bridgeport this week.

Misses Jessie and Chassie Thompson have returned from Cleveland, Tenn.

A. D. Rogers appeared in a new role last Sunday, occupying the pulpit at the Baptist church morning and night. It was not generally known that he was going to preach, but notwithstanding this the house was well filled and the audiences were agreeably surprised at the ease with which he handled the scriptural subjects. Decatur people would be glad to hear Mr. Rogers in the near future.

Pa Was Right.

"Pa says you keep almost everything here," said the small son of the village editor.

"I guess your pa's about right," replied the owner of the general store.

"And pa says," continued the little chap, "the reason you keep so many things is because you don't advertise." —Chicago News.

L. C. Edwards A Good School Man

A good example of what a young man can do without money or opportunity is obvious in the accomplishments of L. C. Edwards, who is now teaching in Wise county summer normal. L. C. Edwards attended the country schools for four years, or about sixteen weeks during the entire time. Not being satisfied with the training received in the country schools he attended the state normals at Huntsville and Denton. He taught his first year in Jack county in a small one-teacher school. The first year he taught on a second-grade certificate, but the year following he received a first-grade certificate, and the next year secured a permanent certificate. For three years he taught around Park Springs, taught four years at Roanoke, six years at Park Springs, and resigned his position at Park Springs to accept the superintendency at Iowa Park. He has taught from a one-teacher school to one of the best schools in this part of the state. At Park Springs Mr. Edwards built up the school, with the aid of the people of Park Springs, to the best organized and best equipped school in this county. Edwards knows the workings of a school and he is thoroughly interested in the work. He is energetic, professional, a live progressive school man, and has made good in every sense of the word. A few more school men in the county like Edwards would lift the schools upon a higher plane, and give a greater impetus to the onward march of universal education.

Reunion will be held Aug. 1, 2, 3.

Constable Sale

State of Texas, county of Wise. By virtue of a certain execution issued out of the honorable justice court of Precinct 1, Wise county, on the 1st day of June, 1917, by M. B. Johnston, J. P. of said court, against Albert Barney for the sum of \$47.95 (forty-seven and 95-100 dollars) and costs of suit, in cause No. 3724 in said court, styled Hardwick & Maiden vs. Albert Barney, and placed in my hands for service, I, C. L. Hardwick, constable of Precinct 1, Wise county, Texas, did on the 1st day of June, 1917, levy on certain real estate situated in Decatur, Wise county, described as follows: A part of the G. M. Vigil survey beginning at the NE corner of lot conveyed by J. A. Utley to C. T. Watkins, thence west 397 1/2 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence east 261 feet; thence south 31 feet; thence east 1361 1/2 feet; thence north 240 feet to place of beginning. Thesame being one-fourth interest in one-half of said real estate and levied upon as the property of said Albert Barney, who owns one-fourth of one-half of said property; and on Tuesday, the 3d day of July, 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, I will sell said real estate at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said Albert Barney, by virtue of said levy and said execution. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of June, 1917. C. L. Hardwick, constable Precinct 1, Wise county, Tex. 6-29

LIONS KILL BURROS.

Hoofs No Match For Pointed Teeth and Sharp Claws.

Mentone, Cal.—Hunger has driven mountain lions and wildcats closer to the settlements than in many years, say old timers. One night recently two big lions made their appearance at the Edison power house at the mouth of Mill Creek canyon and killed two burros kept in a corral there.

One burro was killed outright by the lions. The other burro fought and attracted the men at the plant, but it was so badly torn by teeth and claws of the lions that it had to be shot.

The tracks showed the mountain lions to be of great size, and the men kept a close watch in the hope that hunger would drive them out again.

Calf Grazes With Wooden Leg.

Kansas City, Mo.—Probably the only Missouri calf with a wooden leg is browsing on the farm of W. D. Brown in Ray county. The calf belonged to a neighbor and last winter stuck a nail in its hoof, sustaining injuries promising to be fatal. Craig Brown saw the calf and had an idea. He bought the animal and sent for a veterinarian, who amputated the calf's leg. Later a wooden leg was substituted, and the calf is now only a little slower than the other cattle in the pasture.

HOME MANNERS.

The greatest courtesy of which we are capable should be shown in the home. It is easy to be careful of the feelings of those about whom we care little. Should we not do as much for those who are dearest to us? There is no greater cruelty than to count upon our love's "tiding over" the effect of impatience, discourtesy, harsh criticism and all the unloving, stinging darts that most of us reserve for home use.



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This claim is proven in countless automobiles, in the motor trucks of large concerns, in thousands of motor boats and service aeroplanes.

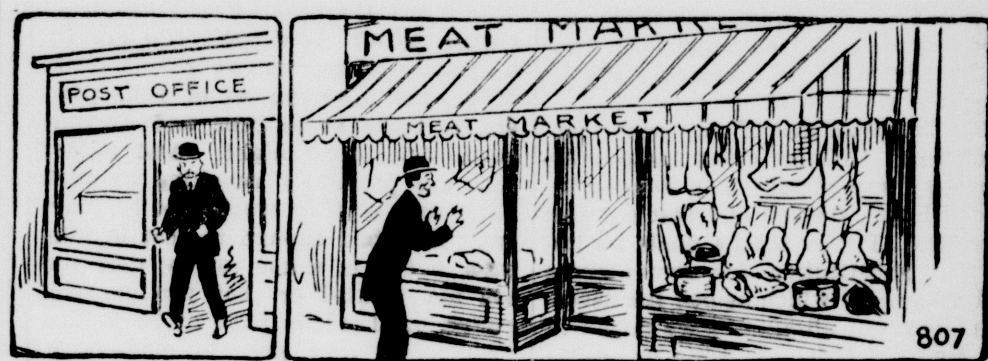
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POULTRY AND EGGS

RATION FOR LAYING HENS.

Experiments Prove That Wheat Is Not Essential to Egg Production.

With wheat so high, poultrymen will be interested to learn that on the United States department of agriculture experiment farm excellent egg laying results were secured with a wheatless ration. Thirty Leghorn pullets to which this ration has been fed for one and one-half years produced an average of 147.3 eggs per hen for the pullet year. This compares favorably with egg yields secured on other rations containing wheat and therefore more expensive. This pen, moreover, during the first sixteen weeks of its second



The open pail used in the hen yard to water the fowls is a foolish and bungling method. Chickens are frequently drowned by falling into the bucket. Use a fountain that feeds from the bottom.

year has averaged 28.5 eggs per hen 17.5 eggs per hen being produced in March.

The same wheatless ration has been fed since last November to a pen of Buff Orpington pullets, which have laid fifty-three eggs per hen in twenty weeks and hold the highest egg record of any of the large feeding pens of pullets at the farm this year. Two other pens, however, are less than one egg per hen behind this pen.

The ration used was as follows: Scratch mixture, two pounds of cracked corn and one pound of oats; dry mash, three pounds of cornmeal and one pound of beef scrap.

The scratch mixture was fed sparingly so that the hens ate about equal parts of this mixture and of the dry mash. The total grain consumption of feed for the year was fifty-two pounds of which twenty-six pounds was scratch mixture. Throughout the year it took 4.6 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs.

This scratch mixture, with wheat \$2.57, cracked corn \$1.35 and oats 70 cents per bushel, is 49 cents per 100 pounds cheaper than the regular mixture of equal parts cracked corn, wheat and oats. Another mash, which is slightly cheaper than this one, is made of 4 per cent each bran and middlings, 26 per cent beef scrap and 68 per cent cornmeal.

If the wheat is omitted from the ration it is very essential to feed a considerable proportion of beef scrap in the mash, but with present prices beef scrap is one of the cheapest poultry feeds, considering its high protein content.

These experiments, the specialists say, prove that wheat is not essential in an egg laying ration and that excellent results can be secured by using corn and oats as a scratch mixture, provided this is fed with a good mash containing 25 per cent beef scrap.

HEN RAISED CHICKS.

Mother Should Care For the Brood as Long as She Will Do So.

When chicks are raised in the natural way with hens fewer mistakes are liable to be made in the care of the chicks. Still, early in the season, when there is much bad weather, too much must not be left to the hen, because she cannot supply all the care that is needed. Many early hen hatched chicks are lost through failure to give them suitable quarters where they will have plenty of room and can take advantage of the sunshine. Small chicks are far better off indoors when the weather is not pleasant. Later on in the season or when the chicks are of some size running outside will be invigorating, but it is best to work on the safe side at all times and take no chances of chilling the chicks.

Sometimes the chicks from two hatches are given to one hen for raising, and this works nicely in warm weather, but do not try it until after the 1st of May, because in cool weather one hen cannot cover more than fifteen chicks right, and quite early in the season ten chicks are all a hen can look after.

Let the mother hen care for early chicks just as long as she will do so, and until the chicks are well feathered have some means of protecting them on cool nights. The proper ventilation of their house or coop, however, must always be watched carefully.

Chicks must be made to exercise freely at all times, and, except when there is a good range, a portion of the feed should be given in a litter.

Worms In Poultry.

There are some forty species of poultry worms. If yours have undertaken to feed any of this lot try doses of turpentine and olive oil, half and half. If this does not effect a cure try pure turpentine, one to three teaspoonfuls.

SUCCESS AT THE BAT.

It Is Not Acquired by Striving to Out-guess the Pitcher.

The batter who tries to outguess a pitcher is making a big mistake. He should try to figure out what the hurler probably will do, but at the same time should be set and ready for anything and prepared to shift at short notice. Making up your mind in advance that you are going to hit a certain ball and then swinging at it regardless of where it may come will never get you into the .300 class.

Let me caution every young player against acquiring the bad habit of trying to "kill" the ball. Thousands of fellows who might otherwise have become good batters have been ruined because they wanted to knock a home run every time up. If you meet the ball squarely and get the right amount of snap in your swing you do not need to take a windup and lunge at it with all your might.

There is a lot of life in a baseball, and when you hit it "on the nose" you don't need all your weight behind the bat. If you take care to apply your power at the right moment, so that you will get the ball well out in front of you at the point where your swing is fastest and most powerful, the distance and speed will take care of themselves.

There never was a great hitter yet that swung with all his might all the time. You may argue that the harder you poke the ball the longer distance you will get, but the trouble is that it is practically impossible to time your blow properly and hit the ball squarely when you take a "washerwoman's swing." Once in a hundred times you might happen to do so, but the other ninety-nine times you would just be making yourself ridiculous.

And no player is of much value to his team if he gets a home run once a year and either fans or sends up easy flies or rolls feeble grounders the rest of the time.

Every man must in a way be his own trainer in baseball.—Ty Cobb in American Boy.

WHERE DUTY CALLED.

He Was "at the Front" When the Crisis Came, and He Won.

In the spring of 1913 occurred the disastrous floods in Ohio. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, could not rest content with merely directing relief from his office in Baltimore. He rushed immediately to the scene of suffering and destruction, where he remained till the danger was past.

A New York banker, whose influence and friendship were much needed by the Baltimore and Ohio, ran down to Baltimore. He was a man to whom time is money—in capital letters—and he had a positive date with Daniel Willard. But when he reached the railroad offices the president was gone.

"He's at the front," said one of his secretaries and explained how the chief had gone out to Camden station on the preceding night. A message canceling the engagement had been sent to New York—Willard is most punctilious in such matters—but it had failed to arrive.

The banker frowned. He was not in the habit of hurrying to see railroaders who were seeking loans and then having them fail to keep appointments with him. But when he was back in his own office the next day and the newspaper extras were telling of the catastrophe that had swept over Ohio he sent a personal message to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio. It told him that he might draw for as much money as he needed to put his railroad on its feet again.

"He's at the front," said the Wall street man clean between the eyes.—Everybody's.

Our Murder Record.

For every million inhabitants Canada has each year three murders; Germany, under five; Great Britain, ten; France, fourteen; Belgium, sixteen. In the United States there are every year 129 murders per million inhabitants. In one single year over 11,000 men, women and children are murdered. One murderer in seventy-five pays the death penalty, and for the rest the average imprisonment of seven years settles the score.—Exchange.

Seeds of Vegetable Plants.

Seeds may be saved from the best vegetable plants one year for the next season's planting. Lettuce and radish go to seed if permitted to do so. The best corn ears may be left on the plant to mature. The best potatoes from the biggest hills may also be saved if they can be kept safely. Peas and beans allowed to ripen on the plants will supply seed for next year.

Fireproof Paper.

Patents have been taken out at various times for paper which is claimed to be proof against fire and therefore particularly suitable for documentary records. Most of these papers contain asbestos or a similar mineral fiber, with or without the addition of clays or metallic salts.—London Standard.

His Idea.

"I never give a letter of recommendation." "That so? Why?" "Well, I figure that the fellow who is good enough to be given my hearty indorsement is good enough to keep on the payroll."—Detroit Free Press.

Warned.

Betty—Jack says he will stop drinking if I marry him. Mrs. Wyse—Well, be careful, dear. It's easier for him to begin again than it is for you to get unmarried.—Boston Transcript.

QUEEN GETS REST

Elizabeth Broken Down by Destitution of Belgians.

RECUPERATES IN FLORENCE.

Florentines Had Never Seen Her Before, and In Street Her Frail Figure Attracted No Attention—None Permitted to Do Her Homage as Queen of Stricken Land.

Rome.—Elizabeth, queen of the Belgians, is in Florence, where she will spend four or five months in strict cognita. She is the first royal visitor to the city since the terrible conflict began. The large, distinguished, exotic colony that dwelt in Florence all the year around began to disperse in 1914, and today only a few aged English and American women are left behind to remind the Florentine cabby of the prosperous time that was.

The city itself has undergone a considerable change. The number of cabs has been reduced, practically all of the tea rooms have been shut down owing to lack of patronage, and the well known Florentine art world is today



Photo by American Press Association. QUEEN ELIZABETH.

represented by only a few aged painters and sculptors too old to wear a uniform.

The city's chief function in the present war is to nurse back to health the sick and the wounded, and for this purpose every villa on the wooded hills surrounding the city has been converted either into a hospital or a sanitarium for convalescing officers not only of the Italian army, but of the Serbian and English as well.

The Florentines had never seen the queen before, and in the street the frail figure of Elizabeth attracted no attention whatever. It was only when her inborn interest in hospitals and medical clinics in general brought her in contact with the Italian Red Cross that her identity was disclosed.

Yet when visiting hospitals nobody is permitted to render to her the homage due to a queen. For the nurses of the Red Cross, as well as the doctors and orderlies, the queen is simply a French countess.

Colonel d'Auremont, who accompanies the queen, said that three years of incessant work in Belgian Red Cross hospitals and among the destitute population of the little kingdom had begun to tell on the queen, who is not constitutionally very strong. A trip abroad and a long rest in different surroundings became imperative.

With the arrival of the queen the public has also learned that her daughter, Princess Mary Josephine, will be educated in Italy and at the expense of the Italian nation. In connection with this it is related that soon after the English government decided to educate Prince Charles, King Albert's second son, the Italian government requested the privilege of looking after the education of the princess. The royal parents accepted, and the princess, who is a girl of twelve, will enter the College of the Annunziata, where only girls belonging to the nobility are admitted.

Burned Their Father's Will.

Milwaukee, Wis.—As they did not like their father's will they threw it in the stove. This was the burden of a story brought to probate court by the sons and daughters of Augustus S. Hanks of Granville, who died Jan. 31. There was no thought of wrongdoing, they said, and nothing would have come of it only for the fact that they discovered they must prove the will in order to probate the estate. The estate is valued at \$26,000.

VILLAGE POPULATION DEPLETED BY THE NAVY.

Rondout, Ill.—This place has given to the navy every one of its citizens eligible for service. Recruiting officers who drove through in search of recruits learned from the oldest citizen in the half dozen farmhouses that there were none. "We had just two young lads," he said. "Both of them enlisted in the navy several weeks ago."

Announcement

We take pleasure in announcing the connection of Messrs W. O. Bailey and Earl Standley with the First National Bank.

Mr. C. E. Martin is still on the job. Mr. Martin is a banker of wide experience, having been continually in the banking business for the last fourteen years. With his experience in the handling of financial problems and with such a strong institution back of him, he is in a position to render you the best of service. He is very anxious to have you call and see him.

Mr. Bailey needs no introduction to the Wise county public, he having been in the banking business in this county for twelve years, besides being engaged in the dry goods business in Decatur for the past five years. He will be glad to have his friends call on him at this bank and renew their business relations.

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As in the past, we are willing and anxious to extend every courtesy possible to our many friends, and we wish to assure you of our appreciation of your past favors and continuance of your banking business.

The Directors and Stock Holders of this institution have been rendering service to the people of Decatur and Wise county through its officers, for the past 34 years. They have stood the test during the bad and good years alike and now take this means of assuring you that they are in better position to render you service than ever before.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

The tick is a heavy tax.

The mufflers were open again. Mr. Marshal Eyaans.

Boost for a big county fair in Wonderful Wise—Oct. 9-13.

Good rains have fallen in some sections of the Wonderful County.

With cotton bringing \$125 a bale, don't complain much if the merchant informs you that his wares have increased a little in price.

The editors who attended the press association meeting in Galveston are found in their praises of the good people of the Island City.

Lay aside your cares and go over to Bridgeport next Tuesday and Wednesday and enjoy an old-time picnic. It promises to be great.

Commissioners Splawn and Blackwell of Wise county and Snow of Tarrant are doing things that are making good roads enthusiasts smile.

Let the citizens of Decatur rally to the proposition that will improve the water and light service. The plant as a municipal institution has been a failure.

Hamlin gains a good progressive citizen in the going of Jack Moss to that city. He will assist the builders of that town in building a bigger and better town.

The friends of J. Venor Patterson, and they are numerous in the Grand Old County, kind reader, say he will be in the going for county attorney when the next election rolls round.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram says: Looking at the situation from the top rail of the political fence, there has been more planting and less ranting in Texas this year than ever before.

County Attorney Burch "cleaned up" this week in the district court, and as a result there has been a healthy decrease in the ranks of the burglars and boot-leggers in the county.

Probably the Texas National Guard will go to France; that is, if the Germans continue the scrap another year. Something will crack if the Texans get over there. You remember a Texan was the first man to reach Vimy Ridge.

Speakin' of candidates, available timber and such like, Mack Burch is mentioned as a legislator. Then again, they say he would creditably fill the position now held by Hon. J. W. Walker.

What's the matter with the red-blooded young fighting men of Texas? Governor Ferguson called for twelve thousand recruits for the Texas National Guard and less than one-third of the number have responded, and it is now feared that the required number will not materialize. Why is this? More than two thousand have signed for conscription under Uncle Sam's orders in this county, to "go anywhere", yet, after two weeks of drumming, speech-making and patriotic appeals barely one-third of a company has been raised in the county, to see service, probably only in Texas. We can't believe the young men of today or less patriotic than the boys of 1898, when the call came for volunteers to scrap the Spaniards. In less than five days after the call in 1898 more young men rushed to the local armory and asked to be enlisted than have been rounded up in the present two weeks' campaign. In the Spanish-American war the enlisted man received about one-half the pay of the soldier of today. What's the matter? Why this don't-care reception given the appeal to join the local company? Boys, I had rather hot-foot on the parade grounds at old Fort Brown on the Rio Grande than jump shell craters in night charges against fortified forts in France.

If nothing stirs me to enthusiasm, then indeed is my poverty great. If I have no great allegiance, then is my life without purpose. Here is a touchstone for living. Let a man believe in something—believe in it so strongly that the daily routine of his existence but serves his great faith—and life to him will no longer be a burden or a mystery. His faith will glorify his days and clothe his living with purpose. Nor is it what he believes that counts so much, as how much he believes it. Martyrdom is common to all races, all religions, all causes. Faith is to be measured in degrees, to be judged in quality—not to be enumerated in kinds. Live thy faith and thou shalt thus present the best proof of its truth.

Claud Callan, the pious, gentle humorist, who deserted Texas a few weeks ago and went to Kansas City to assist in the making of the Kansas City Star, writes the Signal that he is homesick. Of course, he is, and he will grow sicker as the cycles of time roll on. Think of a Texas country boy, bubbling over with homemade Texas humor, burning out life's candle in a big western city. Instead of big cornfields waving their golden tassels at the sun, Claude will see only an endless string of rent houses; instead of going to a good old swimming hole with mossy banks to bathe his manly form, Claude will have to swim, if he swims at all, in a natatorium. In Grand Old Texas there are flower-bespangled plains and every breeze brings attars that make the olfactories glad, but in Kansas City one must spell eternally the awful breath of the packing house. The big city is no place for a country boy.—Honey Grove Signal.

Gov. Ferguson has stirred up a hornet's nest by naming his friends and supporters on the county selective draft boards of the counties of the state. Jim should have kept the selection of the big army out of politics. But this is on a par with most of his recent acts.

Charles F. Spencer, Wise county's candidate for congress, has made good all along the line—from a boy hand in the field at 50 cents per day to district judge. He has been tossed by adversity, and he knows the trials and tribulations of the youth who is compelled to face the world's affairs unaided, save but a strong determination to succeed. He was in the field when his playmates were in school; he was carrying water to the laborers on Wise county's new courthouse when other boys were enjoying vacations; he was studying when the neighbor's sons were asleep. He rounded to a country school teacher amid environments that were disheartening, but he made good and took up his first school at Bethel, west of Decatur. Twenty dollars of the forty he received as teacher went into the fund to support his mother and little sisters and brothers. After school hours he read law. Given license to practice, he went into Montague county and "hung out his shingle." He made good. Elected county attorney serving two terms, he made a record as a fearless and just prosecutor. Retiring from the county attorneyship he became one of the most prominent lawyers in Montague county. When death removed District Judge Potter, the boy field hand, the water-boy, Bethel school teacher and able lawyer was called to take the place of the eminent Gainesville jurist. As Potter's successor the "boy" from Wise county continues making good. This is the candidate for congress the Messenger asks its thousands of friends to rally to.

The Messenger has made arrangements with the Progressive Farmer published in Dallas, and recognized as one of the best farm publications in the south, whereby our subscribers can get it at a low rate. The Progressive Farmer is successor to the Texas Farmer, a weekly paper that has been going into the homes of thousands of farmers for many years. Further announcements regarding this splendid offer will be made later in the columns of the Messenger.

THE VOLUNTEER

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is enabled to select his own associates. He will know who is to be his tentmate.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is enabled to know who is officers will be and to estimate the kind of treatment he can expect from them.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will be officered by men with whom he is personally acquainted, men who without exception have had years of experience in the Guard, Regular Army or in military academies.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will go in training immediately after organization, in camps to be located probably within the state. He will have the same efficient training as the Regular Army, with the further benefit of earlier training.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer will have a most promising opportunity for promotion. Men who volunteer in the Guard at this time and receive increased advantages of training and show efficiency will be commissioned to officer men who come in later. Already eleven men from one organization of the National Guard of Texas have been promoted to commission rank.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer enlists only for the duration of the war.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer receives the same pay as the recruit in the Regular Army. The private is paid \$30 per month, board, clothing and "keep." There is every opportunity to increase this pay.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer may be between the ages of 18 and 45 years.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer serves both his state and his nation but he does not lose his identity as a volunteer from Texas.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer may be married or single; he may have registered under the selective draft act.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is the man who is willing to step forward and say "Here Am I." He does not wait to see what the other fellow is going to do.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is a member of an old and honored organization.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer serves with friends and home-foes. In after years the volunteer who enlists in the National Guard will be able to meet with his comrades and in memory relive the marches and camps.

The National Guard of Texas volunteer is the best type of citizen. He has the "stuff" of his forefathers. All honor to the volunteer.

TWENTY YEARS AGO FROM MESSENGER FILE

June 25, 1897.

Miss Lena Russell visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Dallas this week.

N. E. Young and G. G. Neilson of Anneville were here this week.

Emmet Hatcher is visiting in Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Baumgartner have returned from a western camping trip.

T. F. Milligan of Greenwood was here this week.

Mr. J. W. Lillard, father of S. A. Lillard, arrived in Decatur from Nevada, Mo., last Monday. He will make Decatur his future home.

The Decatur Symphony club was organized last Tuesday night and elected the following officers, Dan W. Jones president, Harry May, Jr., vice president, E. L. Vastine secretary and Claud Lewis sergeant.

Miss Maud Hogg returned home Monday from a visit to Austin.

Assistant County Attorney A. J. Clendenen was in Park Springs.

Capt. Kelley of the Lloyd Rifles of Fort Worth will be here Saturday night to organize the Decatur military company.

Cliff Cates, city editor of the News, visited Bridgeport this week.

Misses Jessie and Chassie Thompson have returned from Cleveland, Tenn.

A. D. Rogers appeared in a new role last Sunday, occupying the pulpit at the Baptist church morning and night. It was not generally known that he was going to preach, but notwithstanding this the house was well filled and the audiences were agreeably surprised at the ease with which he handled the scriptural subjects. Decatur people would be glad to hear Mr. Rogers in the near future.

Pa Was Right.

"Pa says you keep almost every thing here," said the small son of the village editor.

"I guess your pa's about right," replied the owner of the general store.

"And pa says," continued the little chap, "the reason you keep so many things is because you don't advertise."—Chicago News.

L. C. Edwards A Good School Man

A good example of what a young man can do without money or opportunity is obvious in the accomplishments of L. C. Edwards, who is now teaching in Wise county summer normal. L. C. Edwards attended the country schools for four years, or about sixteen weeks during the entire time. Not being satisfied with the training received in the country schools he attended the state normals at Huntsville and Denton. He taught his first year in Jack county in a small one-teacher school. The first year he taught on a second-grade certificate, but the year following he received a first-grade certificate, and the next year secured a permanent certificate. For three years he taught around Park Springs, taught four years at Roanoke, six years at Park Springs, and resigned his position at Park Springs to accept the superintendency at Iowa Park. He has taught from a one-teacher school to one of the best schools in this part of the state. At Park Springs Mr. Edwards built up the school, with the aid of the people of Park Springs, to the best organized and best equipped school in this county. Edwards knows the workings of a school and he is thoroughly interested in the work. He is energetic, professional, a live progressive school man, and has made good in every sense of the word. A few more school men in the county like Edwards would lift the schools upon a higher plane, and give a greater impetus to the onward march of universal education.

Reunion will be held Aug. 1, 2, 3.

Constable Sale

State of Texas, county of Wise. By virtue of a certain execution issued out of the honorable justice court of Precinct 1, Wise county, on the 1st day of June, 1917, by M. B. Johnston, J. P., of said court, against Albert Barney for the sum of \$47.95 (forty-seven and 95-100 dollars) and costs of suit, in cause No. 3724 in said court, styled Hardwick & Maiden vs. Albert Barney, and placed in my hands for service, I, C. L. Hardwick, constable of Precinct 1, Wise county, Texas, did on the 1st day of June, 1917, levy on certain real estate situated in Decatur, Wise county, described as follows: A part of the N.E. 1/4 of section 31, township 33 N., range 12 E., 1st Meridian, containing 261.12 acres, more or less, being one-fourth interest in one-half of said real estate and levied upon as the property of said Albert Barney, who owns one-fourth of one-half of said property; and on Tuesday, the 3d day of July, 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, I will sell said real estate at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said Albert Barney, by virtue of said levy and said execution. And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 6th day of June, 1917. C. L. Hardwick, constable Precinct 1, Wise county, Tex. 6-29

LIONS KILL BURROS.

Hoofs No Match For Pointed Teeth and Sharp Claws.

Mentone, Cal.—Hunger has driven mountain lions and wildcats closer to the settlements than in many years, say old timers. One night recently two big lions made their appearance at the Edison power house at the mouth of Mill Creek canyon and killed two burros kept in a corral there.

One burro was killed outright by the lions. The other burro fought and attracted the men at the plant, but it was so badly torn by teeth and claws of the lions that it had to be shot.

The tracks showed the mountain lions to be of great size, and the men kept a close watch in the hope that hunger would drive them out again.

Calf Grazes With Wooden Leg.

Kansas City, Mo.—Probably the only Missouri calf with a wooden leg is browsing on the farm of W. D. Brown in Ray county. The calf belonged to a neighbor and last winter stuck a nail in its hoof, sustaining injuries promising to be fatal. Craig Brown saw the calf and had an idea. He bought the animal and sent for a veterinarian, who amputated the calf's leg. Later a wooden leg was substituted, and the calf is now only a little slower than the other cattle in the pasture.

HOME MANNERS.

The greatest courtesy of which we are capable should be shown in the home. It is easy to be careful of the feelings of those about whom we care little. Should we not do as much for those who are dearest to us? There is no greater cruelty than to count upon our love's "tiding over" the effect of impatience, discourtesy, harsh criticism and all the unloving, stinging darts that most of us reserve for home use.



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POULTRY AND EGGS

RATION FOR LAYING HENS.

Experiments Prove That Wheat Is Not Essential to Egg Production.

With wheat so high, poultrymen will be interested to learn that on the United States department of agriculture experiment farm excellent egg laying results were secured with a wheatless ration. Thirty Leghorn pullets to which this ration has been fed for one and one-half years produced an average of 147.3 eggs per hen for the pullet year. This compares favorably with egg yields secured on other rations containing wheat and therefore more expensive. This pen, moreover, during the first sixteen weeks of its second



The open pail used in the hen yard to water the fowls is a foolish and bungling method. Chickens are frequently drowned by falling into the bucket. Use a fountain that feeds from the bottom.

year has averaged 28.5 eggs per hen 17.5 eggs per hen being produced in March.

The same wheatless ration has been fed since last November to a pen of Buff Orpington pullets, which have laid fifty-three eggs per hen in twenty weeks and hold the highest egg record of any of the large feeding pens of pullets at the farm this year. Two other pens, however, are less than one egg per hen behind this pen.

The ration used was as follows: Scratch mixture, two pounds of cracked corn and one pound of oats; dry mash, three pounds of cornmeal and one pound of beef scrap.

The scrap mixture was fed sparingly so that the hens ate about equal parts of this mixture and of the dry mash. The total grain consumption of feed for the year was fifty-two pounds of which twenty-six pounds was scratch mixture. Throughout the year it took 4.6 pounds of feed to produce a dozen eggs.

This scratch mixture, with wheat \$2.57, cracked corn \$1.35 and oats 70 cents per bushel, is 49 cents per 100 pounds cheaper than the regular mixture of equal parts cracked corn, wheat and oats. Another mash, which is slightly cheaper than this one, is made of 4 per cent each bran and middlings, 26 per cent beef scrap and 66 per cent cornmeal.

If the wheat is omitted from the ration it is very essential to feed a considerable proportion of beef scrap in the mash, but with present prices beef scrap is one of the cheapest poultry feeds, considering its high protein content.

These experiments, the specialists say, prove that wheat is not essential in an egg laying ration and that excellent results can be secured by using corn and oats as a scratch mixture provided this is fed with a good mash containing 25 per cent beef scrap.

HEN RAISED CHICKS.

Mother Should Care For the Brood as Long as She Will Do So.

When chicks are raised in the natural way with hens fewer mistakes are liable to be made in the care of the chicks. Still, early in the season, when there is much bad weather, too much must not be left to the hen, because she cannot supply all the care that is needed. Many early hen hatched chicks are lost through failure to give them suitable quarters where they will have plenty of room and can take advantage of the sunshine. Small chicks are far better off indoors when the weather is not pleasant. Later on in the season or when the chicks are of some size running outside will be invigorating, but it is best to work on the safe side at all times and take no chances of chilling the chicks.

Sometimes the chicks from two hatches are given to one hen for raising, and this works nicely in warm weather, but do not try it until after the 1st of May, because in cool weather one hen cannot cover more than fifteen chicks right, and quite early in the season ten chicks are all a hen can look after.

Let the mother hen care for early chicks just as long as she will do so and until the chicks are well feathered have some means of protecting them on cool nights. The proper ventilation of their house or coop, however, must always be watched carefully.

Chicks must be made to exercise freely at all times, and, except when there is a good range, a portion of the feed should be given in a litter.

Worms In Poultry.

There are some forty species of poultry worms. If yours have undertaken to feed any of this lot try doses of turpentine and olive oil, half and half. If this does not effect a cure try pure turpentine, one to three teaspoonfuls.

SUCCESS AT THE BAT.

It Is Not Acquired by Striving to Out-guess the Pitcher.

The batter who tries to outguess a pitcher is making a big mistake. He should try to figure out what the hurler probably will do, but at the same time should be set and ready for anything and prepared to shift at short notice. Making up your mind in advance that you are going to hit a certain ball and then swinging at it regardless of where it may come will never get you into the .300 class.

Let me caution every young player against acquiring the bad habit of trying to "kill" the ball. Thousands of fellows who might otherwise have become good batters have been ruined because they wanted to knock a home run every time up. If you meet the ball squarely and get the right amount of snap in your swing you do not need to take a windup and lunge at it with all your might.

There is a lot of life in a baseball, and when you hit it "on the nose" you don't need all your weight behind the bat. If you take care to apply your power at the right moment, so that you will get the ball well out in front of you at the point where your swing is fastest and most powerful, the distance and speed will take care of themselves.

There never was a great hitter yet that swung with all his might all the time. You may argue that the harder you poke the ball the longer distance you will get, but the trouble is that it is practically impossible to time your blow properly and hit the ball squarely when you take a "washerwoman's swing." Once in a hundred times you might happen to do so, but the other ninety-nine times you would just be making yourself ridiculous.

And no player is of much value to his team if he gets a home run once a year and either fans or sends up easy flies or rolls feeble grounders the rest of the time.

Every man must in a way be his own trainer in baseball.—Ty Cobb in American Boy.

WHERE DUTY CALLED.

He Was "at the Front" When the Crisis Came, and He Won.

In the spring of 1913 occurred the disastrous floods in Ohio. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, could not rest content with merely directing relief from his office in Baltimore. He rushed immediately to the scene of suffering and destruction, where he remained till the danger was past.

A New York banker, whose influence and friendship were much needed by the Baltimore and Ohio, ran down to Baltimore. He was a man to whom time is money—in capital letters—and he had a positive date with Daniel Willard. But when he reached the railroad offices the president was gone.

"He's at the front," said one of his secretaries and explained how the chief had gone out to Camden station on the preceding night. A message canceling the engagement had been sent to New York—Willard is most punctilious in such matters—but it had failed to arrive.

The banker frowned. He was not in the habit of hurrying to see railroaders who were seeking loans and then having them fail to keep appointments with him. But when he was back in his own office the next day and the newspaper extras were telling of the catastrophe that had swept over Ohio he sent a personal message to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio. It told him that he might draw for as much money as he needed to put his railroad on its feet again.

"He's at the front," That was the thing that had hit the Wall street man clean between the eyes.—Everybody's.

Our Murder Record.

For every million inhabitants Canada has each year three murders; Germany, under five; Great Britain, ten; France, fourteen; Belgium, sixteen. In the United States there are every year 129 murders per million inhabitants. In one single year over 11,000 men, women and children are murdered. One murderer in seventy-five pays the death penalty, and for the rest an average imprisonment of seven years settles the score.—Exchange.

Seeds of Vegetable Plants.

Seeds may be saved from the best vegetable plants one year for the next season's planting. Lettuce and radish go to seed if permitted to do so. The best corn ears may be left on the plant to mature. The best potatoes from the biggest hills may also be saved if they can be kept safely. Peas and beans allowed to ripen on the plants will supply seed for next year.

Fireproof Paper.

Patents have been taken out at various times for paper which is claimed to be proof against fire and therefore particularly suitable for documentary records. Most of these papers contain asbestos or a similar mineral fiber, with or without the addition of clays or metallic salts.—London Standard.

His Idea.

"I never give a letter of recommendation." "That so? Why?" "Well, I figure that the fellow who is good enough to be given my hearty indorsement is good enough to keep on the payroll."—Detroit Free Press.

Warned.

Betty—Jack says he will stop drinking if I marry him. Mrs. Wyse—Well, be careful, dear. It's easier for him to begin again than it is for you to get unmarried.—Boston Transcript.

QUEEN GETS REST

Elizabeth Broken Down by Destitution of Belgians.

RECUPERATES IN FLORENCE.

Florentines Had Never Seen Her Before, and In Street Her Frail Figure Attracted No Attention—None Permitted to Do Her Homage as Queen of Stricken Land.

Rome.—Elizabeth, queen of the Belgians, is in Florence, where she will spend four or five months in strict incognito. She is the first royal visitor to the city since the terrible conflict began. The large, distinguished, exotic colony that dwelt in Florence all the year around began to disperse in 1914, and today only a few aged English and American women are left behind to remind the Florentine cabby of the prosperous time that was.

The city itself has undergone a considerable change. The number of cab has been reduced, practically all of the tea rooms have been shut down owing to lack of patronage, and the well known Florentine art world is today



Photo by American Press Association.

QUEEN ELIZABETH.

represented by only a few aged painters and sculptors too old to wear a uniform.

The city's chief function in the present war is to nurse back to health the sick and the wounded, and for this purpose every villa on the wooded hills surrounding the city has been converted either into a hospital or a sanitarium for convalescing officers not only of the Italian army, but of the Serbian and English as well.

The Florentines had never seen the queen before, and in the street the frail figure of Elizabeth attracted no attention whatever. It was only when her inherent interest in hospitals and medical clinics in general brought her in contact with the Italian Red Cross that her identity was disclosed.

Yet when visiting hospitals nobody is permitted to render to her the homage due to a queen. For the nurses of the Red Cross, as well as the doctors and orderlies, the queen is simply a French countess.

Colonel d'Autremont, who accompanies the queen, said that three years of incessant work in Belgian Red Cross hospitals and among the destitute population of the little kingdom had begun to tell on the queen, who is not constitutionally very strong. A trip abroad and a long rest in different surroundings became imperative.

With the arrival of the queen the public has also learned that her daughter, Princess Mary Josephine, will be educated in Italy and at the expense of the Italian nation. In connection with this it is related that soon after the English government decided to educate Prince Charles, King Albert's second son, the Italian government requested the privilege of looking after the education of the princess. The royal parents accepted, and the princess, who is a girl of twelve, will enter the College of the Annunziata, where only girls belonging to the nobility are admitted.

Burned Their Father's Will.

Milwaukee, Wis.—As they did not like their father's will they threw it in the stove. This was the burden of a story brought to probate court by the sons and daughters of Augustus S. Hanks of Granville, who died Jan. 31. There was no thought of wrongdoing, they said, and nothing would have come of it only for the fact that they discovered they must prove the will in order to probate the estate. The estate is valued at \$26,000.

VILLAGE POPULATION DEPLETED BY THE NAVY.

Rondout, Ill.—This place has given to the navy every one of its citizens eligible for service. Recruiting officers who drove through in search of recruits learned from the oldest citizen in the half dozen farmhouses that there were none. "We had just two young lads," he said. "Both of them enlisted in the navy several weeks ago."

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Continued List of Wise Co. Heroes

Weekly instalment of names of those who registered on June 5:

William Walter Boyd,
Richard C Dillenay, Floyd R Dodd,
Monte Ewing Dunaway, Henry Lee Donaldson, Claude Holmes Dillehay, Wm A Dement, Wm H Dunaway, Luther C Dodd, Grady Polk Day, Jesse N Durham, James Franklin Dawson, Elton E Durham, Doc Peak Dunn, Louis Dethloff, Claud Driskell, Geo L Dickenson, Oscar Lee Dasher, Floyd Herman Dewbree, Coleman Pate Davis, Marcus C Dillehay, Jno Burl Daniel, Wm Franklin Daniel, Jno Wesley Dunaway, Jno W Deaton, Charlie Elmer Duckworth, Thos Bolton Davis, Bedford Caam Davis, Oscar Wilburn Dean, Marvin H Dean, Gordon Edwin Davis, Henry Winter Davis, Venett Franklin Davis, Wm Floyd Denny, Paul Davis, Albert Sterling Drabo, Albert H Davis, Bertie Denney, John Emory Dickson, Joseph Lee Dry, Jas Lett Dromgoole, Otis A Dabney, Jesse Alfred Dyer, Jos Fletcher Day, Robt Loyd Douglas, Erwin Lee Douglas, Grover Cleveland Dill, Geo E Drain, Joe Dobson, Roy Ernest Dobson, Mack Henry Dooley, Toy Drain, Wade Hampton Doyle, Robt Percy Davis, Chas Franklin Dotson, James Dee Davis, Walter Page Durham, Allen W Durham, Venson Alfred Duncan, Chas Donell, Floyd Malcolm Doyle, Fred D Durham, Justo Delgado, Walter Dewbree, Arbie Perry Deaton, Matthew Dick, Thadus Eldridge, Marion Willie Eaves, Pete L Erwin, Sam J Earp, Jas Frank Easley, Horace Evans, Stanley Darling Edmonson, Gilford Augustus Elrod, Jas Fred Earley, Walter Albert Earley, Albert L Evans, Willie Lee Earp, Ralph Lee Evans, Elbert Edgar Evans, Dave Perry Everett, Roy Edwards, Roy E Evans, Jos Leonard Earley, Jackson C Evans, Wm H Epperson, Ollie W Ely, Albert Franklin Evans, Harold Marion Ely, Horace Warden Ely, Chas H Eadaly, Arthur Leslie Eaton, Wm S Elmore, Melvin C Eldson, Jas Clyde Ewing, Jas A Eudaly, Newton Gilbert Easley, Jesse Madison Elliott, De Witt Talmage Eddins, Thos M Eaton, Joseph Carl England, Noel F Franklin, Thos C Florida, Ernest Lester Foster, Wm Edward Ford, Thos Leslie Fox, Robt Leslie Farrington, Edward Lee

Fugate, Jos M Farrell, Junius Mer- man Floyd, Wm Arthur Foster, Eaell Ward Fortenberry, Jno Wm Forten- berry, Raymond Scott Fairbetter, Jacob Pinkney French, Benjamin Franklin Ferguson, Dee Forman, Claude Fortenberry, Aubrey Boyd Fralin, Mack Slaten Frazee, Roy Can- non Ferguson, Milton Haynes Fair- better, Sam Ford, Barney Geo Fair- better, Leonard Oscar Fancher, Phil- lip Frederick, Chas Winston Fergu- son, Walter Wm Field, Bluford F Fox, Jim K Foster, Bowman Fair- child, Shelby Fowler, Joe Andrew Fairchild, Ben Fullingim, Wm David Fields, Theo H Foxall, Clarence Fog- ie, Grover Cleveland Fimble, Lee Robert Forrester, Edgar Erwin Flow- ers, Henry Homer Forrester, Wm Thos Farris, John Geo Frantz, Henry Milton Flowers, Earl Edwin Frost, Robt Henry Freeman, Robt Henry Forsythe, Clarence Church Finch, Jim Geo Furlow, Jas Clyde Fairbairn, Leonard Defay Fite, Robt Estel Fur- low, Geo R Fugate, John Ferguson, Wiley Henderson Finley, Elmer Joe Faith, Sam Jesse Ferguson, Dralling Richard Freeman, Edd G Farrington, Will Clay Falkner, Dennis Dee Ford, Robt Lee Ferguson, Homer Nugent Ford, Albert Andrew Freeman, Jew- ell Edward Foster, Perry Fred Ford, Geo Washington Followell, Porter Fraiser, Wm Robt Finley, Lee Steph- ens Finley, Jno Clarence Freeman, Jas L Freeman, Hugh Greer, Joe Bailey Green, Jno Buckner Grisham, Marion W Gettys, Jno Ernest Gregg, Carl Wesley Griffith, Outler D Gose, James Homer Gotcher, Oscar E Gard- ner, Daniel H Greeson, John Charles Claud Gunn, Wm W Gibbens, Joseph Arnold Giles, Clyde Groves, Jesse Green, Fred Grant Green, Thos L Gibbens, Bert Gage, Merlin Munroe Gage, Albert Waters Griffith, Wm Charley Griffin, James Elmer Gage, Wm Lee Graham, Jesse Clinton Gar- rison, Geo Thos Gage, Thos Edward Griffith, Will Houston Gregory, Jerl Gage, Lewis Jasper Goodwin, Wm Clayton Giles, Joe Gose, Santos, Guerrero, Domingo Garcia, Marion Robt Green, Dan Goode, Olen Ben- nie Good, Burley Clarence Golden, Robt Oscar Garrett, Geo E Goforth, Wm Carl Griner, Miguel Garcia, Luther Edward Giles, Kossie O Good, Wm Ernest Gattis, Jas Gregg, Henry Edgar Gorham, Wm Arthur Gorham.

Mrs. C. C. Henderson entertained the Worthwhile Club Thursday after- noon. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Edgar Renshaw will visit in Archer City.

The Denton C. I. A. Splendid Institution

The College of Industrial Arts opened its first session September 23, 1903, and during that year enrolled 186 girls. It is therefore fourteen years old; and during the current session has enrolled 1550 girls, 4075 during the regular session and 475 during the summer session. There were graduated at the close of the regular session, May 30, 182 girls and there will be graduated at the close of the summer session, Aug. 15, 12 or 15 girls, making a total of about 199 graduates for this year. Of the total number of students of the college during the current year about 60 per cent, or in other words about 900 of them came from the farm homes of Texas.

The average cost of sending a girl to the college for nine months is between \$275 and \$325. Many students, however, are able to get along for less than the lowest figure mentioned. Eight girls, taken at random from different classes for this year, sub- mitted itemized statements of their expenses for the session. The lowest was \$239.45, the highest \$319.45, and the average was \$267.78. The ex- pense included traveling expenses, all college fees, room, board, cloth- ing, books, supplies and incidentals. Some of the girls earned from \$100 to \$150 during the year, and more than 200 of them earned some of their expenses.

It costs, on account of the uniform dresses the girls are required to wear at the college, less than one-half as much to dress a girl here as it does to dress the average girl at home. This policy promotes economy, pre- vents snobbishness and develops a broad-minded, generous democratic spirit. At the graduating exercises every one of the graduates wore a dress made by herself, which cost only from \$4.50 to \$5.00. This is in striking contrast to the extravagance practiced at some colleges and uni- versities and even in some high schools of Texas.

The college places its chief empha- sis on education and training for home life; and its courses of study are carefully outlined and planned according to the best thought and practice of the country. During the history of the college more than one thousand girls have been graduated,

most of whom have married and are now making good wives and happy homes. Not one of them has ever been a party to a divorce proceeding. The home is the most important insti- tution in our civilization, and that school or college whose work is to build up the home is in my opinion worthy of public confidence and pub- lic confidence and public support.

Services at Baptist Church

There were one hundred and seven- ty-five in Sunday school, the attend- ance being reduced by the rain. A full attendance is urged for next Sun- day. Come on time and bring your Bibles. The pastor preached at both hours to very good congregations. All services next Sunday as usual. The pastor will preach in the morning on "The Conservation of Our Food Supply," and at night "Isaiah's Vi- sion." We expect large crowds and good services. Special music will be arranged. You are invited.

HARLAN J. MATTHEWS, Pastor.

Marriage Licences

Oscar Combs and Bessie Mann, Paradise, T. B. Largest and Ruth Jennings, Chico. Jesse Medlin and Lela Dunn, Bridgeport. Wilbur Mas- son and Rosie Lorentz, Alvord. J. W. Patterson, Decatur, and Ella Pope, Alvord. E. C. Pewitt and Ruth Paschall, R. H. Barney and Mrs. Lela Staggs, Decatur.

Capt. H. E. Brady Draws Commission

Capt. Henry E. Brady, the Messen- ger learns, has been tendered a high position with the Texas National Guard, a division commander in the supply department. Brady is the best qualified military man in Wise county and he is deserving of some- thing good at the hands of the state. He has seen considerable service as a soldier, and when he retired from the service he was the ranking captain in the guard. If this veteran decides to accept the appointment, a splendid opportunity will be given the young men of military age in this section to enter an arm of the service that will be instructive and helpful to the great cause.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

The First National Bank

At Rhome, in the State of Texas, at the Close Business on June 20, 1917

RESOURCES	
1 a Loans and discounts	\$55,626 03
2 Overdrafts unsecured	103 05
6 Payment on account sub- scription for Liberty Loan bonds	20 00
9 Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of Sub.)	800 00
10 a Value of banking house	1,700 00
b Equity in banking house	1,700 00
Furniture and fixtures	1,500 00
13 Net amount due from ap- proved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	132 41
b Net amount due from ap- proved reserve agents in other cities	20,636 46
13 Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than in- cluded in 13 or 21)	3,689 80
17 a Outside checks and other cash items	8,903 26
b Fractional currency, nickels, cents	144 80
18 Notes of other national banks	1,770 00
20 Federal Reserve notes	120 00
21 Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from federal reserve bank	8,903 26
Total	\$ 95,146 01

LIABILITIES	
24 Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
25 Surplus fund	3,000 00
26 a Undivided profits	2,729 56
b Less current expenses, in- terest and taxes paid	1,336 21
Demand deposits	1,393 35
34 Individual deposits subject to check	65,752 66
Total	\$ 95,146 01

State of Texas, County of Wise—
I, A. C. Alexander, cashier of the
above named bank, do solemnly
that the above statement is true to the
best of my knowledge and belief. A.
C. Alexander, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 28th day of June, 1917. A. B.
VanMeter, Ex. Offi. Notary Public.
Correct attest—W. W. Morris, Z.
B. Bobo, C. E. Martin, Directors.

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The annual Ex-confederate reunion at Joe Wheeler park will be held on August 1-2-3. Watch for a program.

The new Majestic building is being rapidly rebuilt.

The child of Bud Richster, who has been seriously ill, has recovered.

LOCAL NEWS

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

NORTH BOUND	SOUTH BOUND
Arrive at Decatur	
No. 3, 11:07 a.m.	No. 8, 5:06 a.m.
No. 7, 12:45 a.m.	No. 4, 5:12 p.m.
Leave — Ft. Worth — Arrive	
No. 3, 9:30 a.m.	No. 8, 6:45 a.m.
No. 7, 11:05 p.m.	No. 4, 6:45 p.m.
Amarillo	
No. 3, 11:15 p.m.	No. 8, 5:50 p.m.
No. 7, 6:00 p.m.	No. 4, 5:45 a.m.
Arrive — Denver — Leave	
No. 7, 7:00 a.m.	No. 8, 11:30 p.m.

C. C. Henderson has been in Graham on business this week.

A large crowd enjoyed the children's Day program at the Methodist church Sunday evening.

Misses Katherine and Ripple Frazer are home on a visit to their parents. These splendid girls have just returned from a visit to New York, Boston and Washington. They are two of the best and most efficient teachers in Texas, Miss Katherine teaching in Fort Worth and Miss Ripple in McKinney.

J. Warren Lillard was on the sick list this week, suffering from a slight stroke of appendicitis.

Miss Allen, of the Baptist college, gave a recital last evening in Alvord to a good-sized audience, her reading being "Pollyanna." The readings she has given before Decatur people have been highly pleasing and are convincing evidence that she is thoroughly accomplished in the fine art.

Tul Parker, from down in the "Heavy End" of the county was here this week attending district court.

Misses Flossie and Myra Montgomery are visiting in Mineral Wells.

Rev. and Mrs. R. B. Moreland have returned from Carrollton, where Bro. Moreland has been assisting in a revival.

H. F. Hawkins, Jr. and Walter Knox of Chico, were here Wednesday for a shipment of Ford cars.

Rev. Leonard Gage of Oklahoma, has been visiting relatives here.

Guinn Williams made a trip to Austin this week.

S. M. Gose was in Olney this week.

Rev. G. F. Boyd and wife have returned from a stay in Glenrose.

Rev. A. A. Kidd and son, Leon, of Sherman, were here Wednesday. Rev. Kidd is traveling in the interest of S. M. U.

Miss Jennie Hambricht, who has been book-keeper at the Helm, Ward & Dillehay store for a number of years, has resigned her position and returned to Rhome to be with her mother, who is in feeble health. Miss Jennie has numerous friends in Decatur who regret to learn she has left.

Miss Jeannette V. Allen and Miss Watson, expression and piano teachers, respectively, in the Baptist college, leave today for their homes. Miss Allen going to Fort Worth and Miss Watson to Richardson.

C. F. Cates and daughters, Misses Katherine and Louise, of Spur, have been visiting relatives here.

Hopson & Elliott state that they will be located in their new tontorial parlors by the 15 of next month, in the basement of the McMurray-Gettys building, and the new quarters will be among the best appointed shops in this section of the state.

Mrs. Fred Burtis has returned from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma.

Ernest Bowden was in Dallas Tuesday.

R. L. Thompson has purchased an Overland car.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cates entertained a party of friends last night at their home in northeast Decatur, complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Moss who leave tomorrow for their new home in Humlin. Forty two was played and delicious refreshments were served.

The teachers' institute will be held in October. The institute will be late so that teachers living in other counties will not have to return home after the institute and incur unnecessary expense. Again, by putting the institute after the country schools have begun it will enable the teachers to become acquainted with local conditions and can submit these problems at the local institute. The programs will not be sent out until the 1st of September.

There will be prayer service and choir practice every Wednesday evening at the Christian Church. Every member is urged to attend these services. By order Prayer Meeting Committee.

Saturday night, June 30, is the regular meeting of the Masonic lodge. The new officers for the coming year will be installed at this meeting. The Chapter meeting night has been changed to Thursday night following the regular meeting night of the Blue lodge.

The yield of spuds has been the largest for many years in Wise county this spring. Many truck farmers have made good money on this crop.

Paul Harding spent several days in San Antonio.

Claud Dillehay has returned from Providence R. I., where he spent the past year in Brown University.

Larence Boyd was in Dallas Sunday.

Dr. Workman was here from Wilcox Point Monday.

Reports from the wheat section of the county are that the yield is running from 15 to 25 bushels per acre. Some crops are running as low as ten bushels, but in most communities the crops have far exceeded expectations. The oat crop is also good. All wheat and oats are heavy and scaling a good average.

Late reports are that S. G. Christal is improving from a recent attack of paralysis in Fort Worth.

Walter Dyer and Larence St. Clair were carried to Fort Worth Monday and operated on for appendicitis. Both are doing as well as could be expected.

Capt. Steve Lillard and H. G. Ward made a visit to Bridgeport Monday looking for volunteers for the National Guard. A patriotic rally was held at that town Monday, and much enthusiasm was manifested. Several of the Bridgeport boys and men have enlisted.

Chas. Hudnall was here from Rhome Tuesday boosting the chautauqua which is to be held at Rhome three days, July 31, August 1 and 2. The six members of the series of entertainments are from the Radcliff Bureau, and includes some splendid programs by good talent.

Prof. Earl Petty of Boyd, is here visiting relatives.

The Wise county Old Settlers' and Ex-Confederate reunion is scheduled for August 1, 2, 3. Various committees have been appointed on arrangements and entertainment, and it is expected the reunion this year is to be one of the best yet held.

Will C. Hogg of Houston, son of the late Gov. Jim Hogg, will speak in Decatur some time next month on "The University and Governor Ferguson". Hogg is a chip off the old block, and will interest and instruct his hearers.

Elder Nathaniel Jacks & Son of Dallas will begin a protracted meeting with the Christian Church the 3 Lords day in August. Let everyone take notice and begin preparation in order that we may have a good meeting. By order of Committee.

Miss Vera Hill is visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Dr. M. D. Fullingim and family of Denton, were here yesterday visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Fullingim.

Mr. R. H. Barney and Mrs. Lula Staggs of this city, were married last Saturday night at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. W. Bailey officiating.

W. E. Wolfe is back at his meat market after a two-weeks' illness.

Ed Mecaskey lost a fine registered bull this week. The animal was valued at \$3,000, and insured for \$1,500.

Mrs. John Hunter and children of Fort Smith, Ark., are visiting Mrs. Hunter's parents, "Senator" and Mrs. Joe Hill.

R. B. Moreland will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday and Rev. W. A. Stuekey at the evening hour at the Methodist church. Let every member be present and the public is cordially invited.

Attorney John Vance and wife of Edna, are visiting relatives in Cottdale and Decatur.

Mrs. Will Cloyd and son of Dallas, are guests of the family of J. G. Provence.

Miss Baviha Sullivan of Cumby, is visiting friends here.

Decatur ball team went to Denton yesterday for games on Thursday and Friday.

Dr. H. A. Stallings, dentist, of Bridgeport, Texas, wishes to announce his next visit to Slidell for Tuesday and Wednesday, June 26 and 27. Phone me for appointments.

In Greenwood Thursday and Friday, June 28 and 29. Phone me at Sharp's drug store.

DR. H. A. STALLINGS, Bridgeport, Texas.

New Piano to Trade

I have fine Standard Make new piano to trade for good driving horse. Must be young and drive double. H. L. HAVEY, 1314 No. Henderson St., Fort Worth, Texas.

Booster Is Elected Mayor of Decatur

In a city election held yesterday to select a mayor for Decatur to succeed D. J. Moss, A. C. Bennett was elected. Mr. Bennett is an Al citizen, a live wire in the business life of Decatur, an advocate for better schools and a power in the work of establishing the Colorado-to-the-Gulf highway. The city is to be congratulated upon placing this man in charge of its government.

War's Alarms Fail to Frighten Cupid



J. WALKER PATTERSON

While awaiting the summons of the god of war, falls before god of love.

Mr. Walker Patterson of this city, and Miss Manard Ella Pope of Alvord, were married last Friday afternoon, June 22, at 5:30 in Fort Worth, Rev. C. C. Hightower, pastor of Missouri Avenue Methodist church, officiating. After a visit to Dallas, the newly-weds have returned to Decatur to make their home. For some time Mr. Patterson has been the efficient and successful representative of The Texas Company in Decatur. He is an affable fellow and has numerous friends in the county. The bride is the daughter of a prominent family, accomplished in many ways, and popular among the people of Alvord. Messenger joins the friends of these young people in best wishes.

Fair Cumby Girl Here With Friends



MISS RAVIAH SULLIVAN

Miss Connie McCracken and Mr. Keown, members of prominent and well-to-do families north of Decatur, were married recently in Fort Worth. The bride is the daughter of our good citizen, Mr. Dee McCracken, farmer and stockraiser. Messenger extends congratulations to the happy couple.

Mrs. Shown of Jackboro, and Bob Carpenter, a prominent cattleman of Jack county, visited friends and relatives here this week.

Mmes. Loyd Arnett and Edgar Renshaw leave today for a visit to friends in Archer City.

CLASSIFIED ADS. One Cent Per Word.

Wanted

WANTED—Junk of all kinds; brass, metal, iron and rags; highest prices paid by W. Cohen, west of Methodist church Decatur.

TEACHERS—wanted for summer work. Address Box 26; Newark, Tex. WANTED—5000 pairs of old shoes to repair. Sewed soles if you want them. EVERETT RHOADS. Work guaranteed. Snyder Building, Decatur.

For Sale

FOR SALE—15x30 gas tractor engine and plows. Cash or terms. GEO. MALCOM, Decatur. (85)

FOR SALE—Fresh jersey milk cows; will give 4 gallons of milk a day. J. B. DUKE, Route 2. (79c)

FOR SALE—Roadster car, in good condition; cheap for cash. PHIL-LIP BAITS, at Red Store.

FOR SALE—at a bargain, 12 horsepower gas engine and saw rig; good as new; also two year-old Silver jack. SAM PAVILLARD. (82)

FOR SALE—Four thousand and five hundred Bridgeport brick at less than actual cost. See MURRAY & GETTYS Upstairs in Masonic Bldg.

FOR SALE—100-acre well-improved farm good land; 7 miles north-east of Decatur. Geo Young JOHN DEER BINDER for sale. Will sell cheap; in good shape—good as new. Ind. phone. Southwest Decatur 2 miles. J. M. KIRBY (79)

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What Limits a Man's Capacity?

The capacity of a man is the amount of responsibility he can carry without worry. Responsibility, as a rule, is taken, not given. When once it is found that a man assumes responsibility with good judgment there are always plenty of people perfectly willing that he should do so. Few men, however, can make a success unaided. The more responsibility a man takes upon himself the more and more dependent he becomes upon those below him to properly carry out his instructions. No man ever achieved great success unless he was ably supplemented by the right kind of subordinates.—Sparks.

Memory of Kant.

Kant is known throughout the world as philosopher and metaphysician. But in his lifetime he was almost equally famous for his truly prodigious memory. He kept no library, for a book once read by him was always remembered. Although he never went outside the boundaries of Prussia, he once amazed an English traveler by describing to him in the course of conversation with most elaborate details the height, length, breadth, dimensions and structure of Westminster bridge.



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Thousands of people are sufferers from habitual constipation and while possibly realizing something of the danger of this condition, yet neglect too long to employ proper curative measures until serious illness often results. The advice of all physicians is, "keep your bowels clean," and it's good advice.

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A VARNISH PUZZLE

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This Amazing Mystery, That Defies the Modern Experts, Is the One Thing That Keeps Them From Surpassing the Work of the Ancient Masters.

There must be thousands who wonder why modern manufacturers cannot reproduce the valuable old violins we read so much about, says the Musical Courier. When Ysaye recently inspected the wonderful collection of violins owned by Rudolph Wurlitzer and played on a Ruggiero, a Stradivarius, a Guarnerius, an Amati, and so on, some of our readers may have asked why American makers do not copy those old masters. We reply that every detail of the great Italian makers has been studied for more than 100 years.

We have discovered every secret of the old masters except the recipe for their varnish. That is the mystery. "Surely," claim some of our readers, "this is a secondary consideration. If you have good wood well put together you must have a good violin, no matter what the varnish is." We shall see. Hills of London, the well known violin experts and makers, in the book "Antonio Stradivari—His Life and Works," say:

"Though the wood and also construction and dimensions be perfect, the result will be astonishingly bad if the instrument be badly varnished. Hence we are disposed to classify the relative importance of material, dimensions and constructions and varnish as follows: First, varnish; second, construction and dimensions; third, material."

So here we have an acknowledged authority stating that the most important factor in the tone of a good violin is the varnish. And does the quality of the lost varnish mean that the old makers were men of genius? Not a bit of it. Apparently they were just good workmen whose product could be equaled today in any civilized country if the varnish could be discovered.

That this secret should be lost is one of the amazing facts of history. It is inconceivable to us that 200 years hence no one will be able to supply the shellac varnish that can be found in any painter's supply shop today. And yet this is what has happened to the varnish used by the Cremona makers. It has simply been forgotten; that is all. It was no secret a few hundred years ago. We find chairs, tables, cabinets and bedsteads of the period covered with the golden, lustrous varnish of Amati and Stradivari.

The old violin makers used it because it was cheap and easy to procure. It began to go out of general use in the sixteenth century because it was found to be too soft for the wear and tear of furniture. It was still used by the violin makers, however, none of whom seems to have left the recipe. Perhaps they did not know it. The average cabinetmaker today need not know how to make the varnish he buys by the gallon. Thus the varnish which was used by the whole Italian nation for two centuries is now an unknown mixture of mysteries.

When came the gums and oils of the old Italian varnish? We have reason for believing that they were not indigenous to the Italian soil. We know that much of the maple used by the violin makers of the day came from Turkey. Stradivari often used the straight grained maple of the Italian Alps for his cheaper instruments. For his wealthy patrons he used a beautiful curly maple that came from Turkey. Why from Turkey? The reason is obvious. Venice and Genoa held command of the eastern trade of Italy. It was cheaper to import maple to Venice by sea than to carry it overland from northern Italy. But when the Venetian oar makers came across a piece of maple too curly to be strong enough they sold it to the violin makers. The beautiful backs of the best Stradivari violins, therefore, are made from wood that the oar makers rejected.

Now, if the gums and oils of the old varnish came from the orient it would become more and more difficult to procure them in proportion as the Venetian trade diminished. History confirms this theory. The Turks waged a war against the opulent and powerful republic of Venice from 1645 to 1699. For the first thirteen years of the eighteenth century Venice had a certain amount of peace. But in 1718 Venice, by the peace of Passarowitz, abdicated her rank in Europe, became a nonentity in politics and saw her trade begin to dwindle. Venice, the former mighty queen of the Adriatic, lost her great oriental trade.

Is it any wonder that the oriental gums should disappear from the instrument makers when the cabinetmakers no longer used them? The little that the violin makers needed was too small to keep the trade alive. Then in 1750 a patent was given by the king of France to Simon Martin for a period of twenty-five years for the newly discovered process of making the much more durable and glossy copal varnish. That was the finish of the old Italian varnish, wrongly called "Cremona" varnish.

If the secret or lost process of the old varnish makers could be discovered we believe that Guarnerius and Stradivari and all the rest of them would lose the title of geniuses they have so long enjoyed and be considered merely good workmen. It is as difficult today to make a chair and cover it with the mysterious varnish as it is to reproduce the famous old violins.

CHICKEN CHATTER.

Provide plenty of roomy, clean, well littered nests. Dirty nests cause dirty eggs, and dirty eggs spoil quickly.
There should be a nest for every five hens.
Gather the eggs twice a day during warm weather.
Late hatched chicks, contrary to the general rule, are going to pay this year. But they must be well cared for.
June hatched chicks should be given the range of fields not used by the older chicks and hens.
It is a well known fact that fertile eggs do not keep as well as infertile ones. After the breeding season is over eliminate the rooster.

WEED OUT THE DRONES.
Proper Handling of Poultry Would Largely Increase Food Supply.
(Prepared by United States department of agriculture.)

Since poultry reach maturity quickly and since the quality and productiveness of breeding stock, therefore, may be improved by selection in a relatively short period, the raising of poultry furnishes one of the best opportunities for increasing the meat food supply of the country in an emergency like that now existing. This, coupled with the advantages to be gained by the exercise of greater care in poultry raising, was the thought in the minds of the federal and state agricultural specialists who met recently in St. Louis, when they stated that the poultry products of the United States could be doubled in a year. This means that if everybody in a position to help did his part \$600,000,000 worth of food would be added to the country's supply this year.

This includes both meat for the table and eggs. Very few farmers practice a systematic plan of disposing of



Black Minorcas lay as many eggs as any other of the Mediterranean breeds when bred along proper lines. The weight of Minorca eggs averages thirty-two to thirty-six ounces per dozen. As table birds they are good, the flesh being tender and the flavor excellent. The bird pictured is a Rose Comb Black Minorca hen.

their fowls after they have ceased to be productive, although it is well known that fowls of the heavier breeds, such as the Plymouth Rocks, cease to produce a profitable number of eggs at the end of their second laying year and that this holds true of the lighter breeds, such as the Leghorns, at the end of their third laying year. Consequently if efforts were made to dispose of all females when their best laying days were over a large quantity of poultry meat would be placed on the market. All poorly developed chickens should likewise be culled out and used at meat. This way of disposing of unprofitable fowls would allow the farmer to feed his grain to younger and more productive cows.

Caponizing the cockerels that are not intended for breeding purposes will not only increase their size, but will place a more desirable poultry meat on the market. Another practice that should be adopted more widely is that of fattening all chickens that are to be marketed before they leave the farm. This can be done easily by confining the birds for a week or ten days and feeding them a good fattening ration. They will come to market then in better condition, and the farmer will receive a profit for their added weight.

Charcoal For Poultry.
Charcoal is not a food and may not be a panacea for all poultry ills, but it is a valuable aid to digestion and a corrective of digestive troubles, says a correspondent of the Farm and Fireside. It is good for poultry of any age. It may be mixed with the mash, wet or dry, or fed in hoppers so that the birds may help themselves. It is especially valuable in fattening or forced feeding. Experiments with fattening fowls and turkeys have shown that those having charcoal made much greater gains than those not receiving it. Finely granulated is the most convenient and desirable form for feeding it. Although supply houses usually charge a pretty good price for it in small quantities, it is comparatively inexpensive when bought by the bag or barrel. Bones or corn is sometimes charred for poultry, but this is inexpedient except on a small scale.

Get Rid of Poor Hens.
Keep the flocks culled. Do not let a few or a few dozen or a few hundred hens live and sponge off the industrious and well paying flock.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

Do not encourage visits to your barn from the neighbor whose stock is always ailing.
There is a theory that the way to keep a hog well is to keep him and his food and surroundings clean. Worth trying.
When the flock has been eating roots the change to the fresh grass is not so relaxing.
Some five dollar calves may grow into hundred dollar cows; don't send them to the butcher.
The pigs need shade in the pasture. There should be trees as well as shelter.
Do not let the little pigs hang over a high trough or they will grow crooked in the backs and be spoiled.

MONEY IN HOG RAISING.
Next to Poultry Swine Are Most Profitable of Farm Animals.

The meat supply of the country can be increased more quickly by the hog route than by any other. The country's need to augment its supply is great, but prevailing high prices alone should be sufficient inducement to farmers to raise more hogs. The prospect of success never was brighter. The high prices ruling in all markets show that the demand for pork is in excess of the supply.

Hogs fit into the modern scheme of farming on nearly every farm and are one of the most important animals to raise both for meat and for money. They require less labor, less equipment and less capital, make greater gains per hundred pounds of concentrates fed, reproduce themselves faster and in greater numbers and give a quicker "turn over" of money than any other animal, except poultry.

The hog has no rival as a consumer of byproducts, and but for him numerous unmarketable materials might be wasted. Kitchen refuse, not only from farms, but also from hotels and restaurants, when cooked before feeding makes an excellent diet.

The value of skim milk as a hog feed is known on every farm, though not always fully appreciated. In the neighborhood of large dairies pork production is a very prominent and lucrative supplement to the dairy industry.

The hog is also a large factor in cheapening the production of beef. Hogs following steers have in many cases increased the profit per steer by from \$6 to \$9. But hogs should not be allowed to follow dairy cattle unless the cattle are known to be free of tuberculosis, owing to the disease danger.

KILLING CUTWORMS.

An Effective Remedy Is Poisoned and Sweetened Bait.

Few are the gardeners who are so fortunate as never to have seen their young plants destroyed by cutworms. It is perfectly possible to destroy these pests, however. A common and effective remedy is the poisoned bait which is mixed and applied as follows:

Take a bushel of dry bran, add a pound of white arsenic or paris green



CUTWORM AT WORK.

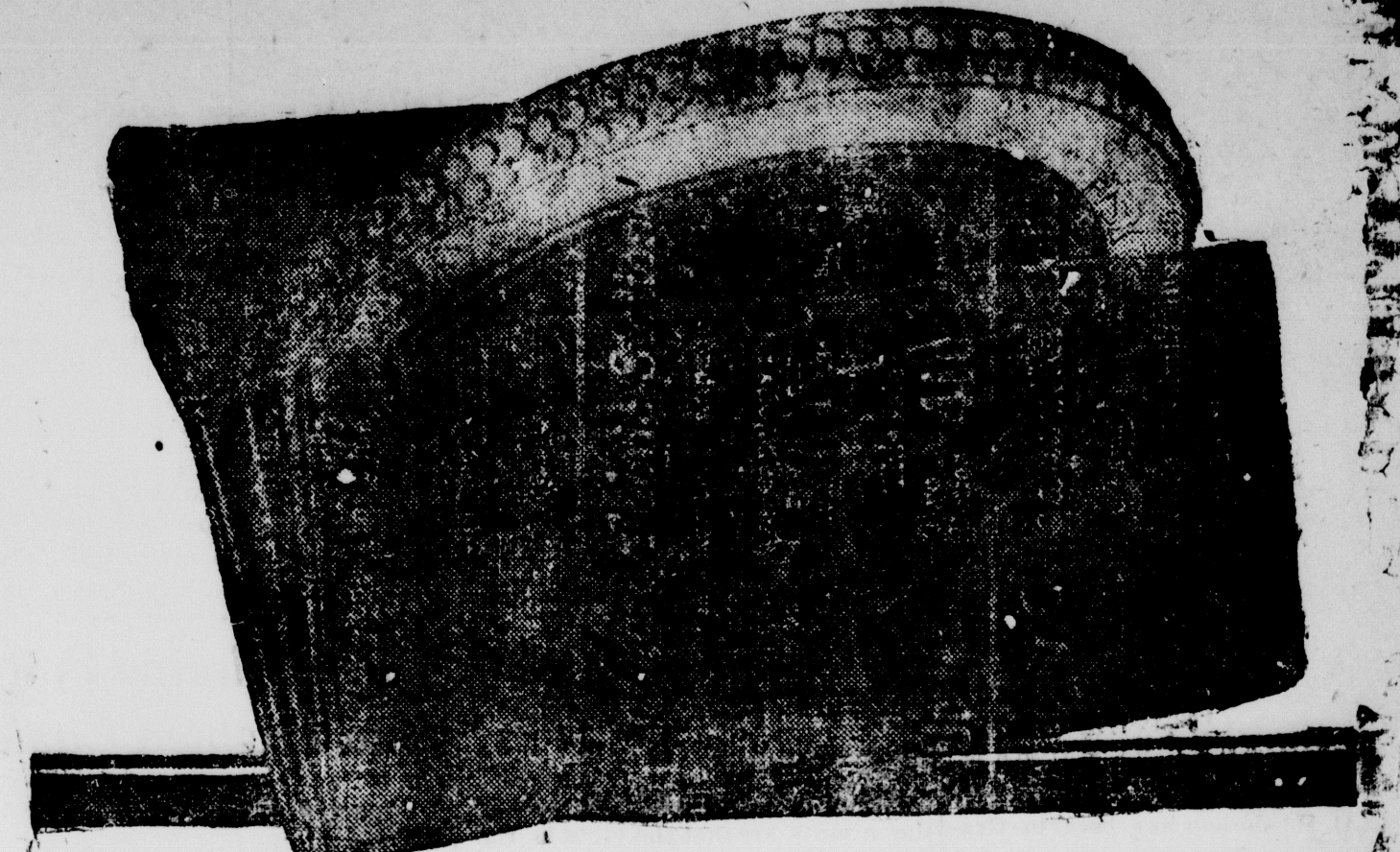
and mix it thoroughly into mash with eight gallons of water, in which has been stirred a half gallon of sorghum or other cheap molasses. (Arsenic and paris green are deadly poisons, handle them with great care.) This amount will be sufficient for the treatment of about four or five acres of cultivated crops. After the mash has stood for several hours, scatter it in lumps about the size of a marble over the fields where the injury is beginning to appear and about the bases of the plants set out. Apply late in the day so as to place the poison about the plants before night, which is the time when the cutworms are active. Apply a second time if necessary. Keep children, live stock and chickens away from this bait.

Planting Small Potatoes.

Not many years ago I had seventy barrels of potatoes, all about the size of a small hen's egg, writes a New York farmer in American Agriculturist. The buyer did not want these, so I sorted out a load, and they were planted in the field with others. The small potatoes were busheted up at digging time and the best sorted out for big seed. These potatoes all were planted June 12. The field of two acres yielded 300 bushels to the acre. I prefer a potato of natural size. I cut the potatoes into four pieces. When whole potatoes are planted they start earlier than the cut ones.

Dairy Stable Floors.

Only concrete floors should be permitted in a dairy barn. They cost more, perhaps, originally, but they are the cheapest in the long run. For one thing, they make it possible to save some of the liquid manure, a very valuable item.



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BOYD.

Ben and Leonard Coplin of Fort Worth spent last week here with their father, S. Coplin.

Mrs. W. S. Barrett and little son William Sidney of Tecumseh, Okla., arrived latter part of last week for a visit to Mrs. Barrett's sister Mrs. W. C. Tarry and their many friends here.

W. M. Koonce returned last Friday from a very enjoyable trip to Washington, D. C., New York City, and visits in North Carolina and other points.

Inadvertently G. A. Arrington and W. P. Cook's names were left out of our last week's report of the tireless workers for the sale of Liberty Bonds. These two gentlemen ably assisted the ones mentioned last issue and we desire that they have honorable mention.

Miss Vida Pool of Paradise visited friends here since our last.

John Kaker, who had been visiting relatives in Oklahoma for some time, returned Saturday to again make his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. W. Caldwell.

Mrs. J. R. Robinson of Dumas, Ark., was here recently to visit her sister, Mrs. Thos. McGonagle and friends made during former visits here.

Charley Grubbs and family, who have been making their home at Brownwood, arrived here Saturday enroute for a visit to relatives in Ankenyville community, after which they will go to Lubbock, where they have leased the Jackson house.

Mrs. W. H. Muse accompanied her daughter Miss Lillian to Fort Worth Saturday and had her eyes examined by an oculist, who pronounced the young lady's eyes in very bad condition, the balls being badly affected.

Rev. McClung of Springtown has been holding a protracted meeting for the Christian denomination at the pavilion for several days. Two were baptized Sunday afternoon.

Robert Frazee of Ennis, has been here since our last visiting his son M. S. and his former neighbors S. D. McCluney and family.

W. M. Cook and family visited relatives at Fort Worth since our last.

Buck Albritton, who is in charge of

Commissioner Blackwell's road force, spent Sunday at Paradise with his family.

W. M. Koonce was a Fort Worth visitor Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Read visited Fort Worth Sunday.

W. C. Read informs us he will in the near future move his family to Fort Worth, where they expect to make their home for the future. Their many friends are sorry to have them leave us, but wish them much happiness in their new home.

Rev. J. L. Ward filled his regular appointments at Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

Epworth League Program, Sunday, July 1: Song by League; Read in concert the 27 Psalm; Prayer; "That Sweet Story of Old", Bishop Hudgins; Address by Intermediate, Ernest Swofford; "Savior, teach Me Day by Day", Theo. Davis; Song, Ola Mae and Naomi Wright; Address to Junior and Intermediate Leaguers, Mrs. W. C. Read; Song by League; Address by Senior, E. R. Wright; Song, Gussie Harris and Ola Scroggins; "Jesus these eyes have never seen", Bonnie Jones; Song by League; Roll Call; League Benediction; Leader, M. Gooch.

For How Long?

Decatur Raises A Pertinent Question

When a neighbor tells us that he has recovered from a serious illness, the question that naturally arises is, "How long will he keep well?" Temporary relief is one thing, but a lasting cure is altogether different. There is nothing temporary about the work of Doan's Kidney Pills as the following evidence proves beyond doubt.

T. L. McConnell, blacksmith, Trinity street, Decatur, says: "I was hurt while riding a horse and it seemed to affect my kidneys. I went to a good druggist and asked for a good medicine for that trouble, as my back was very painful. I was told to try Doan's Kidney Pills and they certainly did me a lot of good. Two boxes cured me."

THE CURE LASTED

Over three years later Mr. McConnell said: "I still recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for the cure they gave me has lasted."

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The new Majestic building is being rapidly rebuilt.

Decatur Route Is Shortened Four Miles

The route from Fort Worth to Decatur has been shortened by four miles by reason of the Decatur road being finished, according to County Commissioner Snow. The commissioner and the good roads committee of the chamber of commerce held a meeting Monday morning and the announcement was made.

Snow stated that the road which is on the Meridian highway had been graded and culverts put in.

The commissioner declared that the county is ready to gravel the road if Wise county officials would agree to gravel the road to the Tarrant county line.

He also stated that he had removed the convict equipment from the road Friday, which he had put work on the Lake Worth road and would recommend to the commissioners' court that they give him authority to put an asphalt finish on the highway.—Fort Worth Record.

Constable Sale

The State of Texas, County of Wise—By virtue of a certain Alias Execution issued out of the Honorable justice court of precinct no. 1, Tarrant county, on the 15 day of June 1917, by Emmett Moore Justice of the town of said court against V. S. Halcomb et al. for the sum of \$35.47 and costs of suit, in cause no. 24920 in said court, styled H. W. Williams versus V. S. Halcomb et al. and placed in my hands for service, I, R. S. Goode, as constable of precinct no. 7 Wise County, Texas, did, on the 20 day of June 1917 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Wise county, described as follows, to-wit being lot no. 3 in block no. 8, in South Decatur, Tex., and levied upon as the property of said V. S. Halcomb and on Tuesday the 7 day of August 1917, at the court house door of Wise county, in the town of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said land at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said V. S. Halcomb by virtue of said levy and said execution.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise county Messenger a newspaper published in Decatur Wise county. Witness my hand, this 20 day of June 1917. R. S. Goode, constable of 7, Wise County, Texas.

The annual Ex-confederate reunion at Joe Wheeler park will be held on August 1-2-3. Watch for a program,